

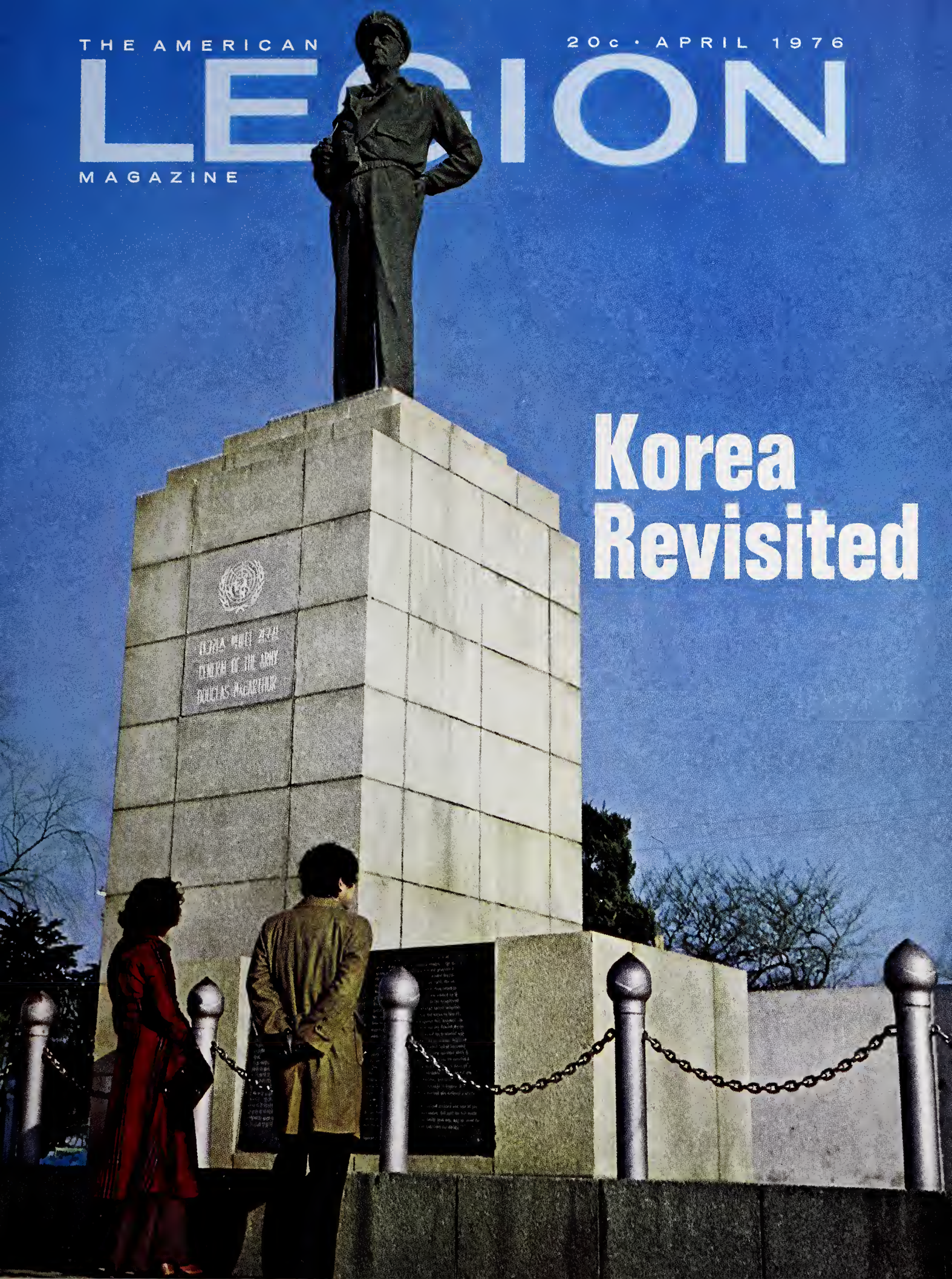
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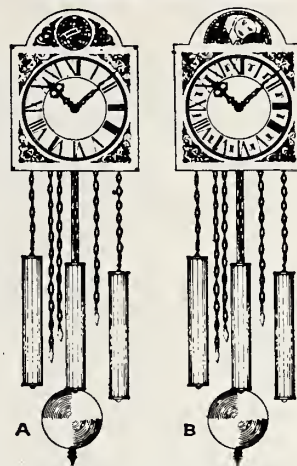
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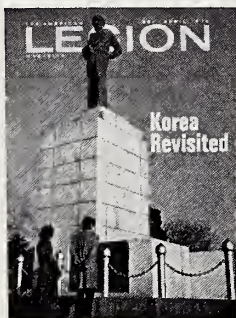
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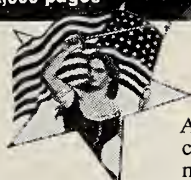
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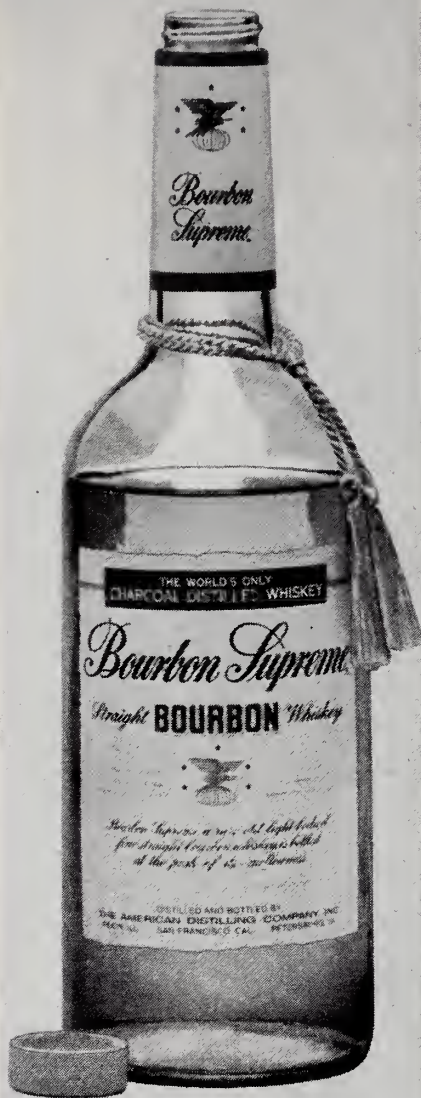
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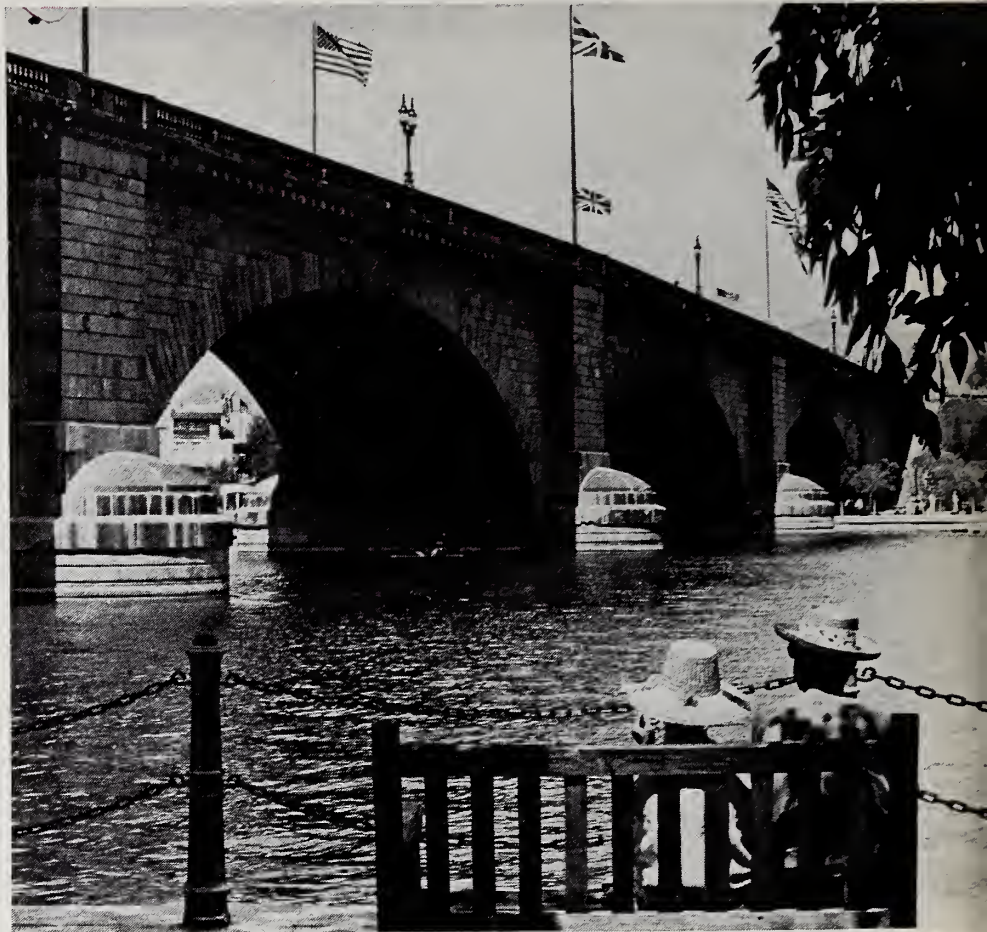


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The McCulloch Oil Corp. of Los Angeles purchased London Bridge in 1968 for \$2,460,000. It took three years to take apart the 11,000 tons of granite, catalog each piece, ship them 10,000 miles to Los Angeles, truck them to Lake Havasu City and reassemble them in the middle of an international resort village. Some of the pieces weighed 8.5 tons.

It took Architect John Rennie six years (1825-1831) to build the bridge in the first place. Despite the rhyme, London Bridge never did really "fall down." The British decided it had to be replaced by a wider span to facilitate motor traffic across the Thames.

The bridge now spans a scenic waterway that connects Lake Hav-

asu City with its resort facilities and an island airport. The city was founded in 1964 and has developed into a model of western living.

British and American flags fluttering along the 750-foot bridge remind motorists of its ancestry. Sir Gilbert Inglefield, 685th Lord Mayor of London, laid the new cornerstone in 1968 and Lord Mayor Sir Peter Malden Studd, 688th in line, opened it for public use on Oct. 10, 1971.

The bridge is reason enough to visit Lake Havasu City, but many a fisherman is more interested in the lure of striped bass, large-mouth bass, crappie and catfish. Also, precipitous, rocky, red, volcanic cliffs are a magnet for rock hounds who have found agate, jasper, turquoise, chalcedony and petrified wood. Some black obsidian, a volcanic glass dubbed "Apache Tears," also has been discovered.

Havasu is an Apache word. It means "land of the blue-green water."—M. S. Chipp

Notes on OUR DESK

A Look at America

This is another in a Bicentennial series of reminders of how men and women viewed America at various moments in our history. On Flag Day, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson said:

"The things that the flag stands for were created by the experience of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under that flag."

Letters to the Editor

SIRS: Admiral Zumwalt's concise appraisal of our naval inferiority to Russia (January issue) is chilling and makes one wonder if Americans are still made of the stuff that won World War II. Has all this talk about nuclear overkill lulled us into believing we can relax our guard regarding conventional weapons? If there is one lesson we should have learned it is that weakness is no defense, that détente is specious and that Russia will respect us only when we are strong.

THOMAS H. DAVENPORT
Bellevue, Ohio

SIRS: Your article on Andrew Carnegie (December 1975) was most enjoyable. You are helping prolong the free enterprise system vs. "freedom à la Russia."

DAVID N. COLTON
Crowley, La.

SIRS: Besides sending my individual contribution to support the Legion and Auxiliary in their drive for cancer research funds, I want to send a special commendation for this program, which makes me proud to be a Legionnaire.

LOUIS SCHOOF
Carroll, Iowa

Research Project

John Toland, author of the award-winning "The Last 100 Days" and "The Rising Sun," is writing a new book on the last year of World War I. Legionnaires who would like to share reminiscences can write him at 1 Long Ridge Road, Danbury, Conn. 06810.

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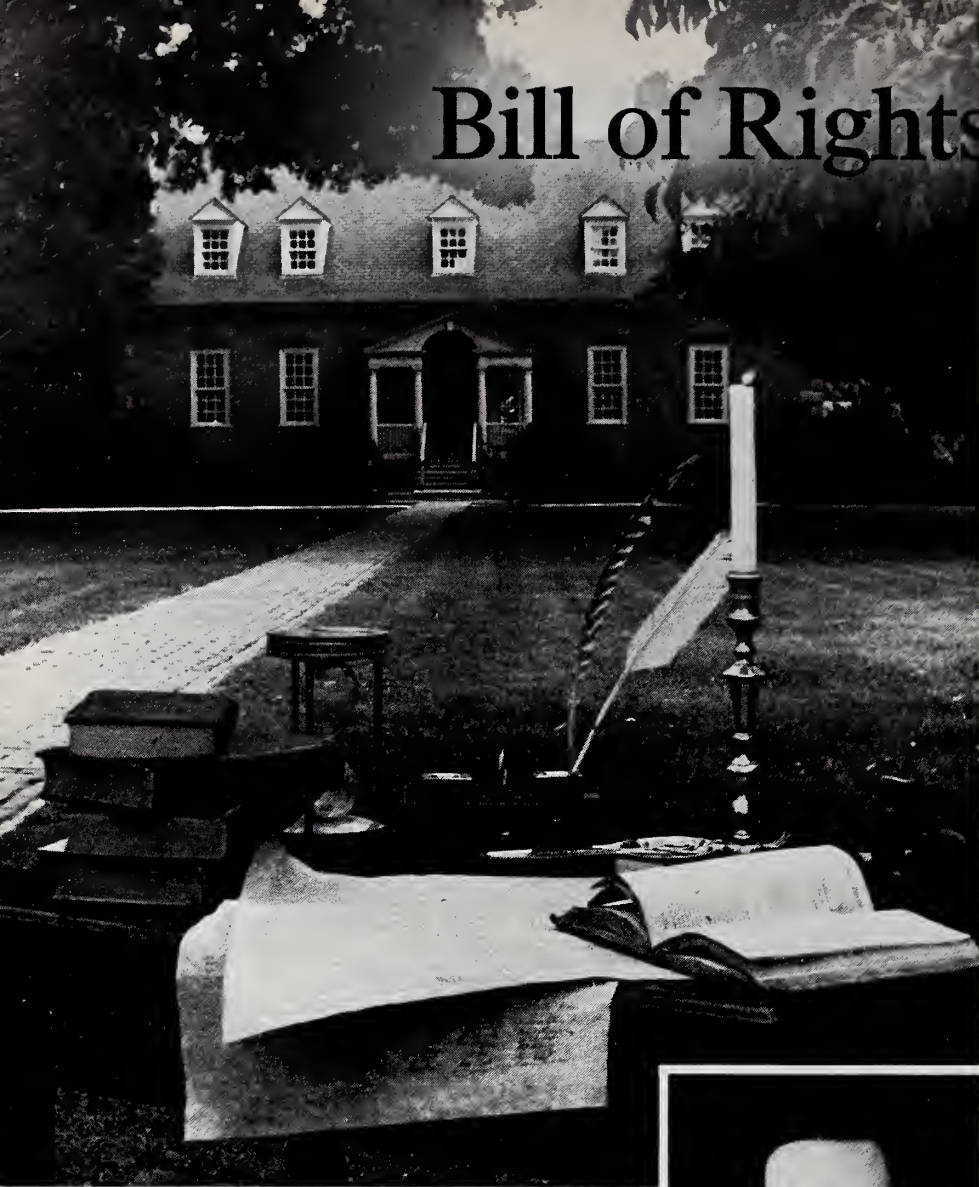
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It is Gunston Hall, where George Mason wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights in May 1776. His document inspired the language of the Declaration of Independence and evolved into the Bill of Rights. In 1789 it was the basis of the French Declaration of the Rights of Man.

Mason, a close friend of fellow Virginia plantation owners George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, has been called "the pen of the Revolution." He also wrote the Fairfax

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Resolves, the first Virginia constitution, and Jefferson referred to him as "the wisest man of his generation."

Historians agree that Jefferson drew heavily from Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights when he drafted the Declaration of Independence. Mason in turn acknowledged that much of his inspiration came from Englishman John Locke's "A Treatise of Civil Government." Mason also studied the English Magna Carta of 1215, the English Petition of Right of 1628 and even Sophocles' "Antigone."

A fierce believer in the rights of the individual and a foe of strong central government, Mason wrote in his Virginia Declaration "that all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights . . . namely the enjoyment of life and liberty with the means of acquiring and possessing property and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety."

Though his writings were widely published in the 1770's and 1780's and he saw his Bill of Rights incorporated into the Constitution in 1791 as the first ten amendments to the

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Carefully preserved Gunston Hall plantation (top) was considered acme of colonial architecture (below) and a tribute to Virginia's George Mason (inset)

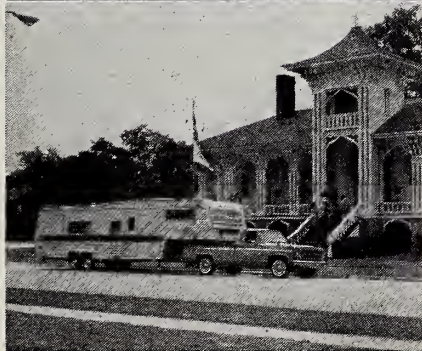
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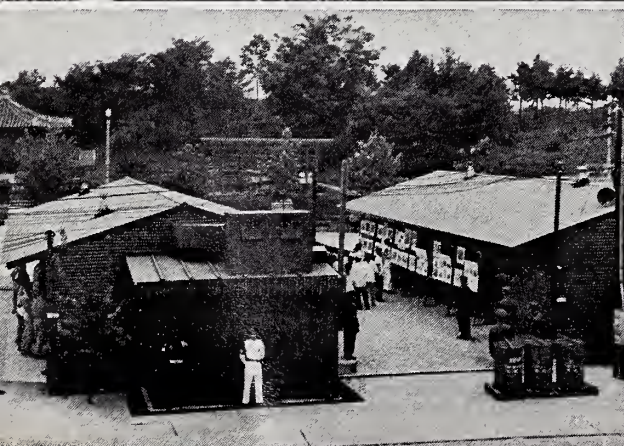
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Korea Revisited

By STERLING SLAPPEY

INCHON, SOUTH KOREA,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1950

THE 10,000-TON United States Navy attack transport, "*George Clymer*"—a ship so filthy it was called "*The Greasy George*"—worked in close between heavily bombarded Wolmi Island and a low-lying sandy beach area in the center of the port of Inchon. The time, early afternoon; temperature, 92 degrees under a broiling sun; tide, turned in and running strong; water, deep enough to handle shallow draft landing craft.

The *George* put down her small boats. U.S. Marines from the reinforced 1st Division, X Corps, filled them quickly. The boats turned for shore and Americans poured onto the sand and drove inland as fast as they could climb over a sea wall and take ground from North Koreans.

Smoke and dust were everywhere, heaviest over hilly Wolmi where a battalion of North Koreans had made a stand earlier in the day before they were blown to kingdom come by guns of the U.S. Destroyer *Ward*. Ahead of the Marines was another hill, and beyond that other high hills—all within the battered town of Inchon, which that morning had become famous for the first time in its 4,000 years. The Marines, along with the U.S. Army's 7th Division, four battalions of South Korean Marines and 8,000 South Korean army assault troops, aimed for those hills.

Six Soviet T-34 tanks, manned by North Koreans, came up and Americans called for air strikes by Marine F-7F's. The tanks were burned out within minutes with napalm, which came down on them like rain. The American-South Korean force made steady progress up the hills, through Inchon, across the mud flats of the



Sgt. Melvin Johnson examines Pork Chop Hill marker

Han River and toward Kimpo Airport—largest airdrome in Korea—and on toward the capital of Seoul, lying beyond the river and Kimpo.

The Inchon Landing—conceived by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and carried out by Army Major Generals Edward M. Almond and David G. Barr, and Marine Major General Oliver P. Smith—was history. It was a classic military maneuver, carried out, not flawlessly, of course, but nearly so. For an equally effective and efficient military maneuver involving large numbers of men moving over great distances, a student of history might have to go all the way back to the Civil War's battle of Chancellorsville when Gen. Robert E. Lee audaciously split his forces while fighting the enemy and sent Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson on a wide flanking movement to strike at the side of the Union's Gen. Joseph Hooker.

One American going ashore from *The Greasy George* that first day was Navy Cmdr. Robert L. Eller of Washington, D.C., who already was an old hand at Marine invasions. He had gone ashore early in the Guadalcanal landing in World War II. Commander Eller was a regular Navy dentist by trade, but at Inchon, as at Guadal-

canal, he went into combat with Marines until landings were secure, his equipment could be gotten ashore and he could get back to repairing teeth.

INCHON, SOUTH KOREA,
25 YEARS LATER

Retired Navy Capt. Robert L. Eller and his wife, Helen, now of La Jolla, Calif., walked about Wolmi, no longer an island since a wide causeway has been built connecting it with the mainland. The only signs on Wolmi of the *Ward's* bombardment are indentures in the earth where hell came down in shells a generation ago. Since Captain Eller was last there—on invasion in 1950—port facilities had been constructed; trees and grass covered the earth's wounds. Out where *The Greasy George* and the other 259 ships of the invasion fleet maneuvered was open water. One small freighter was beginning to disappear over the horizon on the Yellow Sea.

The spot where Captain Eller went ashore in 1950 is no longer dominated by a high, wooded hill. Most of that hill has been shaved off by bulldozers and now near the water's edge is the Olympos Hotel and Casino where the clicks of dice and roulette are dim echoes of machine gun fire.

Clockwise from upper left: Bowling Alley Memorial; 2nd Infantry bazooka team in 1950; taking a Korean village; landing craft at Inchon; commemorative MacArthur mural at Seoul; 1976 guard post on DMZ; 38th Parallel; conference site at Panmunjom; United Nations cemetery at Foo Yong, Pusan; Marines in action in 1951 against North Koreans and Chinese Communist troops

Two of Inchon's highest hills are now crowned with war memorials and Captain Eller and his wife climbed them for an overview of the area and the port where the invasion turned the Korean War around in one day. Atop one hill is a gazebo with a pagoda roof where tiny Korean children and their mothers roll balls, shout and play. The memorial is on the spot where U.S. Army and Marine units linked up with South Korean marines.

Across a now thickly populated valley is a second hill, capped with a huge statue, roses, shrubs and park benches. The statue is such a fine likeness of General MacArthur that Captain Eller recognized it long before he mounted the last steps. Douglas MacArthur may have forfeited some of the respect he once had with

rean International Tourist Corp., at 198-1 *Kwanhun-dong, Chongno-Ku, Seoul*. Their jointly run "Revisit Korea Program" finances a portion of many visits. One group of visitors was made up of 11 Congressional Medal of Honor winners and another of five Congressmen who fought in Korea.

Ernest Contrearas of Westminster, Colo., went back last October.

Staff Sgt. Ernest Contrearas, regular army platoon leader in the 5th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, landed at Pohang in the south on July 18, 1950, after a short sea journey from Japan. The Korean War had been on only a few days and because the 1st Cavalry was a good outfit, Sergeant Contrearas and his men quickly went into action. They fought their way northward to Taegu, then

caught. After the last time, he was put in a "rat cage" where he could not lie or sit down. His hands and feet were handcuffed at all times. Then he was shifted to a "potato hole"—actually a hole in the ground where potatoes were stored—and cold water was poured over him daily. His health was broken. Once he was considered dead. His body was taken to a common burial mound and left on the ground to await a gravedigger. A friend saw him move, the Chinese were told, and the sergeant was taken out of the cemetery. On April 25, 1953, he stumbled across Freedom Bridge, between areas controlled by North and South Korea, into South Korea as part of a prisoner exchange called "Little Switch."

Retired Army Col. Lewis L. Millett, now of Merkel, Tex., once of



U.S. Korean War veterans view Seoul's defenses, memorials

Americans in his losing bout with President Harry S. Truman, but in Korea his status is almost godlike. Harry Truman is memorialized, too, with a handsome statue at Paju, Kyounggi-Do, but it's MacArthur whom the Koreans remember most fondly.

Inchon was knocked flat and left smoldering in MacArthur's invasion, but today the general looks out from his spot on the highest of Inchon's hills at a prosperous, busy city.

The Korean War cost America 33,629 killed and 102,284 wounded. Who is to say whether it was worth the price? Who is to say it was not? Korea has prospered beyond expectations. American veterans returning for nostalgic visits are enthusiastically welcomed by the Korean government and people on the streets. Several hundred American veterans visited Korea in 1975 under the auspices of the Korean Veterans Association, whose headquarters are located at *San 7-2, 2 Chang chun-dong, Chung-Ku, Seoul*, and the Ko-

rean International Tourist Corp., at 198-1 *Kwanhun-dong, Chongno-Ku, Seoul*. Their jointly run "Revisit Korea Program" finances a portion of many visits. One group of visitors was made up of 11 Congressional Medal of Honor winners and another of five Congressmen who fought in Korea.

Sergeant Contrearas was captured by the Chinese on November 1, 1950, and for 29 months and 25 days he suffered, as few men do, and he nearly died. He had been wounded and he was quickly transported into China. For a time, he got acceptable medical attention. But after a year he was taken to another camp in China where he was badly treated. Each day, he ate one small potato and rice with maggots in it. He tried four times to escape. Each time he was

caught. After the last time, he was put in a "rat cage" where he could not lie or sit down. His hands and feet were handcuffed at all times. Then he was shifted to a "potato hole"—actually a hole in the ground where potatoes were stored—and cold water was poured over him daily. His health was broken. Once he was considered dead. His body was taken to a common burial mound and left on the ground to await a gravedigger. A friend saw him move, the Chinese were told, and the sergeant was taken out of the cemetery. On April 25, 1953, he stumbled across Freedom Bridge, between areas controlled by North and South Korea, into South Korea as part of a prisoner exchange called "Little Switch."

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That first action took place on July 5, 1950, in rain and fog. The war had just begun and 540 men from the

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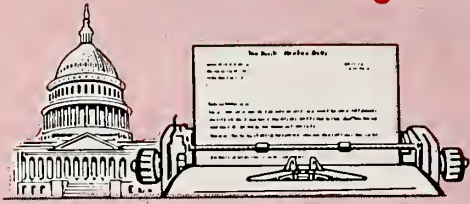
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ATTACK ON CORPORATE GIANTS. A LITTLE "SUNSHINE" IN GOVERNMENT. FEWER BABIES IN OUR FUTURE?

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader has proposed that the largest 700 corporations be federally chartered as a way to make them "more democratic, efficient and law-abiding." In a 600-page report that took five years to write, Nader and his associates labeled the present system of state chartering of companies a "farce."

Joe Seligman, a coauthor, says that a draft law is now being prepared and it should be ready for introduction in Congress within the next few weeks. Several committees, both in the Senate and the House, have shown interest in the proposal.

The report attacks the giant corporations which have escaped the "kind of accountability that a democracy imposes on its centers of power" and insists that we are experiencing a "corporate crime wave." Federal chartering, the Nader group says, is the most logical and workable mechanism to make these "megacorporations accountable."

There soon may be a little sunshine in the government. Congress has been struggling with legislation which would require federal agencies to conduct their business out in the open instead of in cozy, informal sessions closed to the public and the press. The legislation, aptly named "Government in Sunshine Act," needs only House approval to become law.

Closed meetings, under the proposal, would be allowed only when specific matters such as national security, law enforcement or personal privacy of an individual are being discussed...and only under certain restrictions. The Senate passed the bill by a 94-0 vote last November.

We're approaching zero population growth, according to a Census Bureau survey, which reports that three out of every four U.S. wives (age 18 to 24) expected to have no more than two children. Nine years ago the proportion was only 45 per cent. The bureau estimated that, assuming women not yet married have the same expectations as those already married, the total number of births expected by women in their 20's is

very close to the minimum number required for natural replacement of the population ...about 2.1 per woman.

Meanwhile, the numbers of America's older citizens is increasing. In another report, the Census Bureau said that there were 65.9 million persons 45 or older in 1975 -- a jump of 5 million since 1970. The 45 and over group now almost equals the number who are 17 or younger. California has replaced New York as the state with the most persons 65 or over...Florida still ranks No. 1 with the highest percentage of senior citizens -- one out of every six.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

A VOTE A DAY

"In our free market system we have a system in which everybody votes every day." Sec'y of Agriculture Earl Butz.

WRING-PROOF INFLATION

"We've been through the wringer, but we didn't wring out the causes of inflation." Harold Heard, president, Salen Corp.

MONEY TO SPARE

"Up here on the Hill, we have been increasing our staffs and our committees so rapidly that we long ago ran out of room—but not money." Senator Barry Goldwater (Ariz.)

ACCOUNTABILITY

"As corporations, we exist only by the consent of the public under our free enterprise system. And the public is demanding more of an accounting from business today than ever before." Robert W. Hubner, Senior VP, IBM.

CONGRESS' VOICE

"If any administration expects Congress to lie down and play dead, it has another think coming. This Congress has a responsibility to be heard, and will be heard." Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield.

VETO FLURRY?

"Government by veto is not a good way to run the country. But unless the Democratic leadership is willing to work with us instead of against us, there will probably be more vetoes than ever before." House Republican Leader John J. Rhodes.

WORK WOES

"All the signs of recovery that we hear about do not manifest themselves in most of our cities. Unemployment is rampant." Mayor Coleman Young, Detroit.

CITY—WALK AWAY

"We've been wasteful. We've literally walked away from cities. We've said, 'This old thing is tired and worn out—let's build a new market, a new church, a new school.'" Housing Sec'y Carla Hills

UNION SOLUTION

"We should seek to cut hours for union members to increase the number of jobs available." Leonard Woodcock, president, UAW.

FIVE-NINE AND GROWING

"I'm not saying that the Soviet Union is ten feet tall. I'm saying that ten years ago they were three feet tall and today they are five feet nine and growing." Sec'y of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

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The Commander's Message

What Has Happened To Our Will to Resist?

A YEAR HAS NOW PASSED since the Communist victory in Indochina.

For the United States it has been a year of shattered confidence, recrimination and retreat.

For the first time since World War II Americans are questioning the nation's capabilities.

Even Secretary of State Kissinger admits that the "detente" with Russia that he has so carefully nurtured and the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) are in trouble. For the first time in 35 years Moscow can speculate on the American will to resist.

Congressional and public weariness with short-of-victory policies in Vietnam ultimately led to the cutoff of military aid and the collapse of Indochina. Congress then refused to try to thwart a Communist victory in Angola. The intensity of its investigations of intelligence operations and the almost masochistic determination to wash in public every delicate detail involving friendly or neutral governments indicates that the retreat toward isolationism is continuing.

Where does it end? How deeply is it rooted in the post-Vietnam American conscience? How will our allies react? After Angola what new opportunities will tempt our enemies?

For Russia, opportunity could beckon in the Mediterranean, southern Europe, Asia, Africa or even Latin America. The blatant use of Cuban troops in Angola has sounded alarms from Rhodesia to Panama.

More ominous is the parallel Soviet strategic arms buildup, because that is aimed directly at the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Virtually every reliable international military estimate gives the Soviets superiority over the United States in nuclear missiles, naval strength and armor.

What is only now coming to light is the intensity of the Soviet buildup during a period of supposed reconciliation. CIA estimates made public in late winter suggest Moscow is devoting 15-20 per cent of its gross national product to military purposes. It was previously estimated that only six-eight per cent went for arms.

Defense Secretary Rumsfeld says Soviet spending has been increasing steadily for ten years. Between 1965 and 1975, the Russians increased their military manpower from 3.4 million to 4.4 million, Rumsfeld said; their intercontinental ballistic missiles increased from 224 to 1,600; their sea-launched ballistic missiles from 29 to 700; their strategic warheads and nuclear bombs from 450 to 2,000. "The momentum from this buildup shows no signs of checking," he added.

During the same decade, U.S. military manpower dropped from 3.4 million to 2.1 million, its missile force remained static and its bomber fleet declined from 1,600 to 384.

Maj. Gen. George J. Keegan Jr., assistant Air Force chief of staff for intelligence, raises another dimension: Is the U.S. deterrent still credible?

"The Soviet Union has expended on the order of \$20 billion to \$25 billion in the last few years on hardening military command posts from the Politburo to the lowest ICBM site," Keegan said.

His unusually candid public appraisal went on to describe continuing Russian dispersal of industry into underground factories—some of which contain 10 billion square feet of space; and a matching civil defense program based on the emergency dispersal of its population. The United States simply has no comparable program.

Confronted with this, Kissinger has said it may be necessary to once again "contain" the Soviets, if SALT and other efforts fail. The price would be staggering; 1976 is not 1952.

Since Vietnam, inflation has sliced an estimated ten per cent from the U.S. defense budget and Congress has trimmed another seven per cent. More than 50 per cent of that budget now goes for pay and benefits that military men have earned and must be honored. Precious little is left for new weapons.

The latest defense budget calls for \$112.7 billion, an increase of \$14.5 billion. But an estimated half of the increase would be sacrificed to inflation and the other half could go, too, if an anti-Pentagon Congress should kill the B-1 bomber program and delay the cruise missile, two new weapons systems that might begin to balance the nuclear scales.

Winston Spencer Churchill, a young British MP, calls the world scene "a disaster synonymous with appeasement."

In words reminiscent of his famous grandfather, Churchill told the House of Commons "the sinister forces of totalitarianism are again on the march while the democracies are wandering without aim. . . . Men acting from a variety of motives are helping actively the Soviet Union in its imperialistic desires."

Perhaps thus far Congress has accurately reflected the majority view of post-Vietnam America. So long as the Soviets nibble at far-off places like Angola, Indochina memories will intrude in any American debate.

But each new Soviet foothold, each American retreat escalates the ultimate cost of stopping Moscow's ambitions. History teaches that great nations eventually pay the price or surrender their greatness. In this election year voters and candidates must ponder that lesson.

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Tornadoes: Enigma of Spring



Fearful tornado funnel grinds past homes in Omaha

By WARREN H. SPENCER

TUESDAY, May 6, 1975, held the promise of a perfect day. Spring was late in the nation's midsection, and Omaha basked beneath clear skies and a warming sun. But Jim Zoller was uneasy. As meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service's Omaha office, he knew conditions were ripe for tornadoes. His fears swelled even before he left for work that morning, and for the first time in his life—after years of weather watching—he decided to take precautions.

Fumbling under his bed, Zoller extracted a strongbox filled with insurance and other important papers. He made his way to the basement where he wedged the box among the brick-like packages in a freezer which stood against the south wall. If his fears were realized, if his house were struck by a tornado, at least he would know where to find the needed documents. Then he left for work.

By noon, blue skies were flecked with gray as thunderstorms matured south and west of the city. Weather Service bulletins were issued for threatened areas, but Omaha seemed

safe. Then the situation changed swiftly. Growing storm cells roiled over the city; the sky went black. At 2:30, Zoller issued a severe thunderstorm warning for the Omaha area. He repeated it an hour later and followed with a tornado warning. At 4:28, his fears materialized. A twister slammed into the southwestern edge of the city, chewing its way toward the population center. The vortex hooked into 72nd St., one of the city's busiest and most heavily populated thoroughfares. Twisting and churning, the funnel smashed one home, hopped the next and shredded a third. Whipping from side to side, it demolished a business here, skipped a dozen, then obliterated three or four more.

Then, nine miles from where it touched down and as quickly as it began, the tornado lifted and disappeared. In its wake, west Omaha resembled a kindling pile. Three people were dead, more than 200 were injured, property damage spiraled beyond \$110 million. Amid the debris lay an apartment complex, a grade school, part of a hospital, hundreds of homes and dozens of businesses. Omaha had suffered one of history's costliest tornadoes!

Deadly and destructive, capricious and indiscriminate, the tornado is America's storied monster. Scientists plot the storms, but admit they don't fully understand the tornado.

The organization most knowledgeable of tornadoes is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), headquartered in Rockville, Md. Under the United States Department of Commerce, NOAA is responsible for weather information through its division, the National Weather Service. The National Severe Storms Forecasting Center in Kansas City, Mo., a branch of NWS, is the tornado authority.

"We really don't know if there are more tornadoes today or not," says Allen Pearson, Severe Storms Forecasting Center director. "We do know that a lot more are being reported. But we think that the increased population, tornadoes striking more populous areas, better communications and increased awareness may explain that. We also know that in the 1930's, the annual average for confirmed tornado reports was about 170. Today the average is 700!" NOAA reported 917 tornadoes in the U.S. in 1975 with 59 fatalities.

Dispute also clouds many tornado

reports. Come tornado season and the general public clogs NWS telephone lines to report everything from severe thunderstorms to dust devils. This casts doubt on historical records, but the past may provide answers.

Reliable weather data is scant, particularly when dealing with tornadoes. NWS is hardly more than a century old. European records date back little more than 200 years. But Pearson had discovered that the run-of-the-mill tornado, while destructive in its own right, is mild when compared to what he calls the "maxi" storm. He also has found that these are quite rare.

Tornado researchers agree that the extreme example came on March 18, 1925. The storm formed southeast of Annapolis, Mo., churning into the town and leaving 90 per cent of it in ruins. Crossing the Mississippi River, the twister stomped Gorham, Ill., then moved to the Illinois towns of Murphysboro, 40 per cent destroyed; West Frankfort, 20 per cent, and Parrish, 90 per cent. Twenty-five per cent of Owensville and Princeton, Ind., were flattened. When the twister lifted back into the clouds, it had been on the ground for 219 miles, a path surpassed by only two tornadoes in recorded history. Six hundred and eighty-nine people were dead, 1,980 were injured and property damage ranged to \$17 million. Appropriately named the Tri-State Tornado, the storm displayed some unique characteristics. First, it averaged 62 miles per hour forward, hitting a peak speed of 73 miles per hour for the last 36 miles. It also moved in a relatively straight line, plowing northeastward for the first three hours over a distance of 183 miles without varying more than one degree off compass course. Tri-State's speed was such that between Gorham and Parrish 541 people were killed and 1,423 injured in just 40 minutes!

Two other twisters covered even more ground. Pearson cites one which formed near White Deer, Tex., on April 9, 1947, moving 221 miles to smash Woodward, Okla. Another, which hit the Illinois town of Mattoon on May 26, 1917, is credited with the longest track on record—something approaching 300 miles!

These are Pearson's maxi storms. They bear little resemblance to the "normal" tornado whose width is measured in feet or yards, has a duration of seconds or minutes and seldom travels more than a few miles. NWS records show that just two per cent of all tornadoes cause 95 per cent of the deaths.

Nonetheless, any tornado is bad.



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Capricious Omaha twister seemed to select its targets; destruction was almost total



The Omaha twister, one of the most expensive on record, rates only a four or five on an intensity scale of ten. But Pearson is trying to dispel legends surrounding these storms, like Tornado Alley.

"Tornado Alley does not exist," he explains, referring to the geographic section of the nation once thought to be the tornado hotbed. "I can't go back into the brains of people who are gone now, but I'm convinced that the notion of Tornado Alley began in the 1930's and '40's. Meteorologists in the Midwest gave the impression that that area was overly prone to tornadoes. Among them was a man

named Snowden Flora who wrote a very fine book about these storms. But, because he was in the Midwest, he tended to use photographs which were available. And as a result of that book, and the movie 'The Wizard of Oz,' people came to believe that Kansas and Oklahoma were the centers for tornado activity."

In fact, counting the actual number of tornadoes, Texas is first, with Oklahoma second and Kansas third. But on frequency of storms and their impact on people and property, the prime areas are a bit farther south in Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas. No part of North America is im-

immune. Every state in the Union—including Alaska and Hawaii—has been hit at one time or another. The major tornado area in the United States lies east of the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border. Even in that area, though, some spots are hit more frequently than others. Tornadoes are almost nonexistent, for instance, in Rhode Island, and they are rare in New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Delaware and New Jersey. Massachusetts, on the other hand, has seen some bad ones, notably in Worcester.

Tornadoes also are international. Confirmed reports place them in Japan, Israel, Australia and New Zealand. The United States has the

a critical revolution, the vortex is formed and the tornado is born. The funnel which results can be likened to water rushing down a bathtub drain, except that it revolves counterclockwise. Then, the strong upper air streams which helped create the storm carry it along as though it were a spinning, bobbing cork.

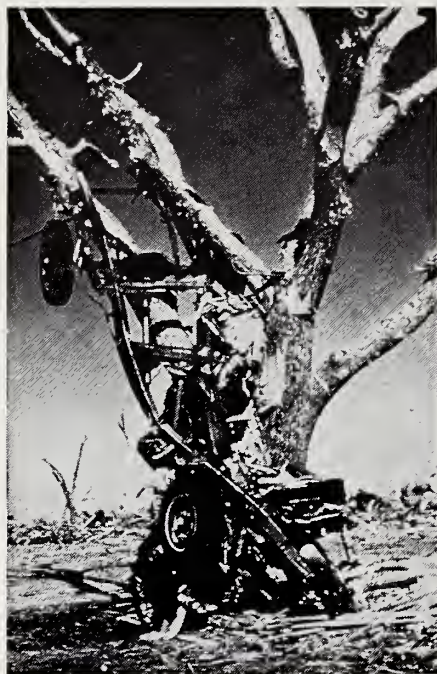
One tale Pearson debunks is the one of straws being driven into trees, although he admits that reports of massive buildings or machinery being carried great distances by the wind are common.

In 1931, a Minnesota tornado snatched an 83-ton railroad coach from the tracks with 117 passengers aboard, and carried it 80 feet before dumping it into a ditch. During

pressure decreases inside the "eye" of a tornado were credited with massive damage. Now, scientists think otherwise.

"Observation discredits that theory," Pearson says. "Early data indicated drops of ten to 15 per cent of available atmospheric pressure—on the order of three to four inches of mercury. These have not been duplicated in recent years and, quite frankly, we're wondering if we might have had some faulty barometers."

Such findings lead researchers to believe that the main danger in a tornado is wind velocity. There have been some adjustments here, too. Until fairly recently, speculation placed the circular wind speeds at more



Trees—and anything near them—frequently bear brunt of tornadoes

dubious honor of producing the greatest number and perhaps the most intense. Pearson credits this to a predominate south wind.

Sweeping inland from the Gulf of Mexico and southwestern Pacific, it brings with it warm, moisture-laden air. Essentially, when the warm air strikes a cooler air front over land, thunderstorms are formed, and these are the parents of tornadoes. At this point, there are no hard and fast rules on how twisters are formed, but there are reliable theories. Generally, they result from a very intense thunderstorm with a tremendous volume of wind rushing upward inside it. While winds near the ground are moving in one direction, strong upper air currents are moving in another. This puts a twist on the thunderstorm. Then, Pearson explains, the mass somehow gets into

Omaha's May 6 tornado, a truck loaded with 45 tons of sugar was sucked 40 to 50 feet straight up into the air and deposited atop a terminal building. Tornadoes, like lightning, reputedly will not strike twice in the same place. Indeed, the statistical probability of a twister hitting the same point in a high tornado-activity area is once in 350 years. Yet, from 1892 to 1972, Oklahoma City was struck 26 times. Baldwin, Miss., was hit twice in 25 minutes on March 16, 1942. On May 30, 1879, a third of Irving, Kans., was demolished by two tornadoes 45 minutes apart. Austin, Tex., was ravaged by two storms in rapid succession on May 4, 1922. And, Codell, Kans., was struck on the same date, May 20, three years in a row—1916, 1917 and 1918.

One misconception seems to have been overcome. Once, barometric

pressure decreases inside the "eye" of a tornado were credited with massive damage. Now, scientists think otherwise.

"Our gauges cannot even survive, let alone measure tornadic winds which are well below 500 miles per hour. So, we're relying on indirect means of measurement. One is photography. By watching a motion picture film of a storm, we can compute the rotation of debris caught in the funnel. Then, too, we're conducting engineering studies on structures designed to withstand specific wind speeds. We can determine velocity when they fail. Generally, for the big tornado, we can explain building destruction at speeds well below 200 miles per hour."

Such was the case with the spectacular Xenia, Ohio, tornado of 1974. The storm leveled Xenia High School, leading spectators to suspect Hercu-

lean winds. Instead, Pearson and his colleagues found that the winds did not exceed 200 miles per hour. Part of the explanation was that the central building had two additions. Such addition construction tended to weaken the entire structure.

"We're particularly trying to dispel the myth about 500 mile-per-hour winds," Pearson says. "Primarily because people will say, 'Oh hell, we can't do anything about making our school or whatever tornado-proof because we can't design for that kind of force.' The fact is that a small area of new building *can* be tornado-proofed. I believe that every new school, for example, should have a section engineered to afford maximum tornado protection. And the cost isn't prohibitive—probably no more than one additional cent on the dollar. If anyone knows of a school in the planning stages, if they will contact the nearest NWS office, we'll be glad to supply the architect with the necessary information."

ANOTHER romanticized aspect of tornadoes is their ability to drive fragile missiles into trees and posts. Pearson, backed by research, scoffs at the prospect. More likely, he says, the wind wrenches a tree much as a person would wring out a sponge. As it twists, the tree's surface fractures. Along comes a piece of debris, say a straw, which gets caught in the fissure. The wind diminishes, the tree returns upright and observers are convinced the straw was driven into the tree.

Such bubble-bursting revelations are based on a series of NWS-commissioned experiments conducted by the Arthur D. Little Co. a few years ago. The company undertook to drive various missiles into substantial surfaces with air guns. Even at fantastic pressures, straws simply did not penetrate.

Despite his skepticism about the straw phenomenon, Pearson concedes that wind can turn ordinary objects into deadly missiles. The builders of atomic power plants find this missile effect most unsettling.

"They are interested and nervous about the missile effect on their installations," Pearson explains. "They have designed the plants to withstand missiles traveling at 360 miles per hour. From all I have seen, that protection should be ample when dealing with tornadoes.

"We are working hard, as hard as we know how, to differentiate in our forecasting between the run-of-the-mill tornado and the superstorm," he says. "So far, all we have discovered is that upper-level winds, those car-

rying the storm along, are definitely stronger with a major tornado."

Presently, it is virtually impossible for weathermen to predict any tornado, let alone an unusually severe one. Nevertheless, Pearson is working on forecast techniques that will avoid what he calls the "Wolf-Wolf" syndrome.

"We can't afford to scare people too badly, and then find out the storm didn't develop. The sociologist has become a close ally of the weatherman in trying to inform the public in a believable way. We know that the Wolf-Wolf syndrome is our biggest enemy. We scare people to death for a while, but when storms don't materialize they begin to say, 'To hell with you!' and tune us out."

To illustrate the point, NWS records over the past 20 years show that of every 100 Americans killed in tornadoes, 70 were in areas alerted to watch for the storms.

Yet an uninformed populous is most vulnerable. A prime example occurred in May 1970, when a Lubbock, Tex., broadcasting station signed off during a tornado emergency. Station personnel were unaware of a Federal Communication Commission regulation enabling them to remain on the air. As a consequence, a sizable portion of the population was not aware of the impending storm.

Radio-TV stations in medium-sized metropolitan areas are probably most efficient, Pearson says. Small-town radio stations usually leave the air at sundown and cause a break in communication. Large urban area stations frequently are hesitant to break regular programming to warn outlying areas. To overcome this, NWS is expanding an existing network of VHF-FM radio weather stations across the nation. Its completion will provide constant weather information to virtually every area.

"In this day and age, when we can bounce radio signals off the moon, I'm forced to use a 75-word-per-minute teletype system to transmit weather information," Pearson complains.

A series of weather satellites orbiting the earth in fixed paths will be able eventually to transmit weather information about any spot on earth. Two of these satellites are in orbit now and their success is impressive. They produce photographs of the earth at 30-minute intervals. In emergencies, weathermen can request photos every 15 minutes, even every five minutes.

Important as they are, however, these technological advances do nothing to stem the storm. The tornado

remains a major weather killer, claiming 364 lives in 1974 alone. These statistics breed stories about the storms, and who would not believe them after seeing their ferocity. Especially following an experience like the one of a Kansas farmer named Will Keller.

On June 22, 1928, Keller was inspecting damage to his wheat crop which had just been thrashed by hail. While in the fields near Greensburg, Kans., he noticed an "umbrella-shaped" cloud in the southwest and suspected it held a twister. Hurrying his family into the storm cellar, he stood in the doorway and watched the drama unfold. Keller tells the rest:

"I saw at once my suspicions were correct. Hanging from the greenish-black base of the cloud were three tornadoes. One was perilously near and apparently headed directly for my place.

"Two of the tornadoes were some distance away and looked like great ropes dangling from the parent cloud, but the one nearest was shaped more like a funnel, with ragged clouds surrounding it. It appeared larger than the others and occupied the central portion, with great cumulus clouds over it.

"Steadily the cloud came on, the end gradually rising above the ground. I probably stood there only a few seconds, but was so impressed with the sight it seemed like a long time. At last the great shaggy end of the funnel hung directly overhead. Everything was still as death. There was a strong, gassy odor, and it seemed as though I could not breathe. There was a screaming, hissing sound coming directly from the end of the funnel. I looked up and to my astonishment I saw right into the heart of the tornado. There was a circular opening in the center of the funnel, about fifty to one hundred feet in diameter and extending straight upward for a distance of at least half a mile, as best I could judge under the circumstances. The walls of this opening were rotating clouds and the whole was brilliantly lighted with constant flashes of lightning which zig-zagged from side to side.

"Around the lower rim of the great vortex small tornadoes were constantly forming and breaking away. These looked like tails as they writhed their way around the end of the funnel. . . ."

Such is the tornado. Some say it is the fiercest storm on earth. It remains a mystery of nature, and as surely as spring will come each year, so will the tornado. END.



Opposing Views by Congressmen on The Question . . .

Should Big Oil

ENERGY IS AS ESSENTIAL to our well-being as air and water. But energy, unlike air and water, is controlled by a few giant corporations whose only aim is to maximize profits. The energy bill which passed Congress last year creates the usual problems of government regulations, with all of the inefficiency, favoritism and political pressuring that this implies. But without the allocation and price control provisions in this bill, we open the door to control of supply and price by a handful of giant companies.

I believe there is a way to bring market forces back into the energy industry, limit the need for government intrusion and meet the need for an energy policy that serves the people. What I am talking about is simple competition.

Real competition does not exist in the oil industry. First, the major oil companies are vertically integrated. Each one has the capacity to produce, transport, refine and sell its own oil. The 20 largest oil companies control over 90 per cent of our domestic petroleum reserves, which is where future production will come from. They control 84 per cent of our domestic refining capacity. The very same oil companies also produce 72 per cent of our natural gas and own 80 per cent of domestic gas reserves.

The fact that none of these companies controls more than ten per cent of the market misleads people into thinking that the industry must be competitive. What people don't realize is that these oil companies operate through a complex web of crisscrossing business deals which tie them together at dozens of points.

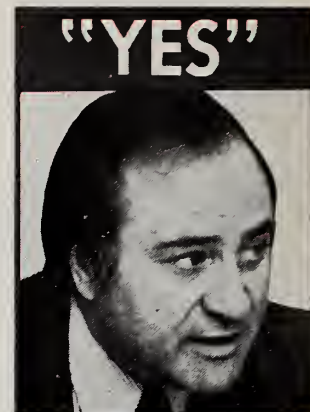
Groups of companies join together to produce oil on leases they share. These "joint ventures" are common across the industry. Most companies participate in dozens of such groupings. They are likely to be partners of every other company in the business.

There are other ties as well. The big companies have processing agreements in which one company refines oil for another, and no money changes hands. Instead of the invisible hand of the competitive marketplace, we have the gloved handshake of the gentlemen's agreement. When one company does not know where its interests end

and another's begin, you cannot have real competition. It is not the level of concentration, but the control of most crude oil, the shared business deals and the integrated structure that permit monopoly control in the oil industry.

This country has long proceeded on the basis that competition will make companies more efficient, give them incentive to lower their costs and their prices and spur them to innovative techniques. We understand that in this way the public benefits from private enterprise and the profit motive. But once competition is gone all you have are profits. The public benefits disappear.

Breaking up the major oil companies will restore competition by opening up the industry.

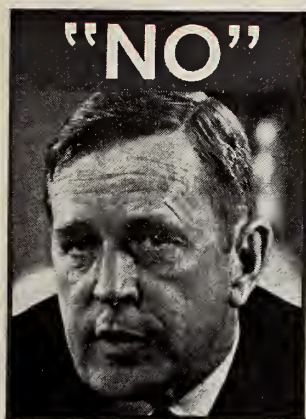


Sen. James Abourezk
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James Abourezk

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this

Companies Be Broken Up?



Sen. Dewey F. Bartlett
(R-Okla.)

SOME MEMBERS of Congress are pushing legislation which would tear down and pull apart this country's oil companies. They call it "divestiture." I call it an attack on the freedom of private enterprise in America to decide how to conduct business most efficiently. If such legislation becomes law, it will be at the expense of consumers.

Quality, availability and prices of petroleum products could be affected adversely.

Some divestiture proposals would prohibit oil companies from operating more than one of the four major functions in the industry, even if efficiency and economy are lost as a result. These functions are finding and producing crude oil, transporting it, making products and marketing them.

Other proposals would make it illegal for petroleum companies to participate in the development of alternate sources of energy, such as coal or uranium, even if the companies have the money, skills and technology for such development.

Backers of these proposals claim that splintering oil companies into single-function units would increase "competition," and perhaps result in lower prices. But the hard facts don't support such claims.

First, many oil companies—large and small—began operating in more than one phase of the petroleum business for a simple reason. Integration proved to be the most efficient and economical way to get oil produced and processed, and to market the products when and where they are needed.

Second, competition in the petroleum industry continues to be intense. There are in the United States more than 10,000 producers of crude oil; over 130 refining companies; about 100 pipeline companies; 15,000 wholesalers of petroleum products, and nearly 200,000 service stations competing for business. And no single company has as much as 11 per cent of the business in any single phase of the oil industry. The petroleum industry is less concentrated than the average of all U.S. industries, and its profitability record is in line with the average of all U.S. manufacturing industries.

The charge then, that the industry is monopolistic, or that a company is "anti-competitive" when it operates in more than one phase of the petroleum industry simply has no basis in fact.

Of greatest importance, however, is that divestiture would neither increase the nation's supply of oil and natural gas, nor reduce dependence on foreign countries for the fuel which is vital to every segment of the American economy.

Rather, divestiture would serve only to slow progress toward achievement of those goals by shattering the very industry capable of attaining them for us.

Dewey F. Bartlett

I have read in The American Legion Magazine for April the arguments in PRO & CON: Should Big Oil Companies Be Broken Up?

IN MY OPINION THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS:

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What is the Schlesinger

By DR. FRANCIS X. KANE

DURING HIS TWO and one-half years as Secretary of Defense, James R. Schlesinger spent a great deal of time on Capitol Hill explaining the next phase of the nuclear confrontation with the USSR. His discussions with the Congress should have been televised, for then the public would have a much better grasp of the issues involved in crucial U.S.-Soviet strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) and election-year consideration of an expanded defense budget.

Schlesinger's sudden departure from the Pentagon last fall has been linked by the press to his differences with Dr. Henry Kissinger over SALT negotiations. It is not the purpose of this article to untangle those differences. The purpose is to examine the Schlesinger view of the U.S.-Soviet nuclear relationship, particularly in light of menacing Russian missile improvements.

We should realize that in the USSR, just as in the United States, technology leads strategy. Writings on strategy are invariably several years—even a decade—behind technology.

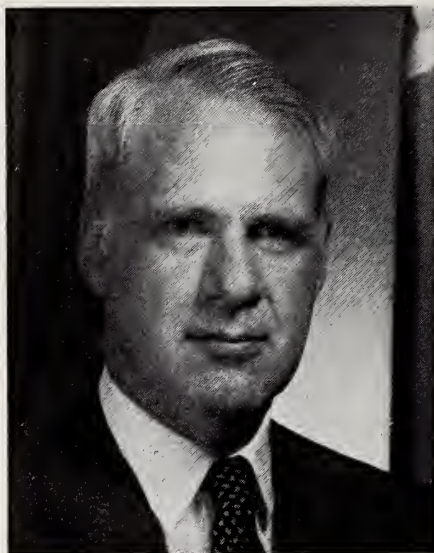
And deterrence is still the name of the nuclear game.

But the United States must be prepared to deter a new kind of potential threat as technology drives strategy into a new arena.

We Americans seek to describe complex problems in slogans—catch phrases like “flexible response” and “options.” As usual, there is a lot of hassle about what nuclear slogans mean and the hassle tends to obscure the point at issue.

Basically, the problem lies in the fact that the Soviets under the SALT I Interim Agreement have a much larger number of ICBM's than we are permitted (1618 vs 1054) and a much larger number of submarine-launched ballistic missiles (960 vs 720). Even if the agreements, which have been publicized since the Ford-Brezhnev Vladivostok meeting of November '74, become a reality (with the limits of 2,400 strategic weapons and 1,320 which carry multiple warheads), the Soviets will still surpass the United States in numbers of ballistic missiles. In fact, even if the United States were to count all its strategic bombers (B-

52's and eventually B-1's), we still would not reach the ceiling of 2,400 strategic weapons. Conversely, if the ceilings become part of the next treaty, the Soviets will either have to dismantle some of their ballistic missiles or cut back on conversions of ICBM's to submarine launched weapons and not reach the larger number of 960 of these weapons permitted them under SALT I.



James Schlesinger
He raises basic questions

But the Soviets also are modernizing their ballistic missile arsenal. They have conducted, ever since SALT I, a test program which was called by Schlesinger “astonishing in its breadth and depth.” Also, they have been launching operational ICBM's from silos in the field, something which the United States has never done. Ours are launched from the test facilities at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. In recent years, the Soviets have launched six times as many ICBM's as we have. Their troops are gaining experience in launching under simulated wartime operations and their high command is learning about reliability, communications and control. The new weapons reveal major improved performance. The Soviets have demonstrated that they can have many warheads on a single booster and those weapons have improved accuracy.

The sum of these two factors can result in a new way to use ballistic missiles. Schlesinger thinks the buildup of Soviet strategic forces is

motivated by the Kremlin's desire to acquire “major counterforce capabilities,” attacks on our Minuteman and Titan ballistic missiles in their silos. Furthermore, they would need only a limited number of multi-warhead boosters to attack our 1,054 ICBM's.

The SALT argument has become so confusing that before going further, we must delineate some terms:

“First Strike” usually means what the words say—one side launches missiles to strike the other first. A variation is “pre-emptive” first strike, a situation in which one side concludes that the enemy is about to attack and launches first to “pre-empt” the would-be attack.

“Counter Value” is the term used to describe attacks on cities and industries. In U.S. parlance, such attacks also are called “assured destruction.”

“Counterforce” is usually assumed to mean an attack against missile silos.

“Counter Military” means an attack on military targets other than intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launchers.

The U.S. concern has been that the Soviets might launch a first strike to disarm America by destroying its offensive weapons—ICBM's, submarine missiles and bombers. Our “triad” of such forces is so designed that the Soviets cannot disarm us in one blow. It would be impossible for them to eliminate our missile silos, air bases and missile submarines without reprisal. It also is deemed impossible, at present, to disarm by first strike all the ICBM's we have—or the Soviets have—in underground silos. Either side would have enough ICBM's to retaliate.

Strategists argue that Counterforce and Counter Military attacks must be considered because of improved missile accuracy and refined low-yield weapons that can be used against military targets without producing large numbers of civilian casualties.

Presently it is assumed that both we and the Soviets have mutual “Counter Value” capability to attack each other's people. Thus we have “Mutual Assured Destruction.” (Appropriately, the acronym is MAD.) But this assumption does not take into account that the Soviets have a very active civil defense program and a limited system for defending

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against ballistic missiles, which is deployed to protect Moscow. Furthermore, the two population patterns are not similar. Ours is highly concentrated; the Soviet's is more widely dispersed. But these differences are seldom discussed.

Schlesinger repeatedly stated that neither side could develop an absolute Counterforce capability, but in the face of Soviet progress, he stated that "we will not allow our position in this area to become sec-

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ondary." Our Minuteman ICBM force should be able to threaten Soviet ICBMs in their silos, he argued, thus discouraging any Soviet plan to attack our silos.

U.S. missile men have always targeted the Soviet nuclear threat, but the projected effectiveness of such an attack has become severely limited because of the hardness of the Soviet silos—and new Russian structures are rated among the hardest ever made by man. The United States has made no concerted effort to build warheads of sufficient number, power and accuracy to eliminate all the Soviet ICBMs in their hard silos.

Yet every President since Harry Truman has sought strategic options in addition to the present one: ability to attack Soviet cities and destroy millions of people. As Soviet forces have grown in numbers, so has the realization that no President would order a massive attack on Soviet cities under any condition other than Soviet attacks on our cities. Consequently, if the Soviets were to conduct a "limited" attack, aimed at knocking out our ICBMs, the President would ponder before attacking Soviet cities, knowing that the Soviet second attack would be aimed at our cities.

Schlesinger advocated that we develop a "limited" attack capability, to match the potential Soviet ability to attack our ICBMs. In this way, the President would always have the alternative of attacking military forces and avoiding cities.

But there also is a philosophical side to the "option" issue. By having limited options do we destroy the credibility of our resolve to respond to Soviet attacks on our cities with massive attacks on Soviet cities?

There are some who assert that our only strategy should be to threaten massive attacks. The response to this is that even if we were to develop the ability to conduct limited attacks, we would retain the ability to strike massive blows. Furthermore, our enemy would perceive that we have both capabilities.

A second philosophical point is that we should never "think about the unthinkable," that if we do we make it more likely that it will happen. If we do not consider any kind of strategic war other than massive exchanges, they hold, this obviously unthinkable situation will never come to pass.

The response to this argument is that we must think about strategic warfare; we must address these complex issues in a rational way since there is no way that we can prevent potential enemies from thinking the unthinkable and trying to find a way to overcome the American deterrent.

If the Russians were to attack our Minutemen silos with their new generation ICBMs, the number of U.S. casualties would be much smaller than was anticipated in the 50's and 60's.

Schlesinger revealed an analysis that a carefully planned Soviet attack, taking time and weather into consideration and aimed at the entire 1,000 U.S. Minutemen, could limit U.S. casualties to the hundreds of thousands. If the attack were also to include some of our major bomber bases, the number of casualties might be 5 million.

These are staggering, almost incomprehensible figures, but a far cry from the hundreds of millions of casualties commonly assumed when men discuss missile exchanges.

Obviously, the Schlesinger analysis is very controversial. Other studies have asserted that a Counter-

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Minuteman Missile
Is Deterrent Still Credible?

You Can't Kill the Umpire!

By **RAYMOND SCHUESSLER**

UMPIRES, as a breed, are accused of direct lineage to Judas, Brutus, Jesse James, Jack the Ripper and Benedict Arnold. If not pelted with bricks, bottles, bats and dead cats, they have been tarred and feathered, chased with automobiles and pummeled with parasols. One, sadly, was even put to death.

Yet, umpires have managed to hold their own. They have fought the fiery Ty Cobb under the stands, thrown bottles back into the bleachers and humbled some of baseball's slickest gagsters. Most of all, they have kept the game above suspicion. While scandals have infiltrated many facets of our athletic world, baseball has retained a special status due in great measure to the incorruptibility of that perennial "robber"—the umpire.

No profession in our society can boast of sounder ethics. Even the managers who malign them most would defend them to the end if the umpire's honesty were really under fire. As Frankie Frisch said, "When I bellyached I knew I was complaining against the best bunch of guys in baseball."

Frisch was once called into headquarters for a hearing against a group of umpires after a ruckus in Pittsburgh. He asked the president of the league, "Did I understand you to say you might fire an umpire?" When Ford Frick nodded his head, Frisch picked up his hat and said, "No ball game is worth an umpire's job. Good day, gentlemen."

(It was Frisch, incidentally, who, when he was managing Pittsburgh, tried to persuade an umpire it wasn't dark enough to call a game. He rushed out to grab the umpire to tell him it was light enough to see perfectly—and found he had hold of the third baseman.)

Umpiring has come a long way from the rowdy days of early baseball when only one umpire stood back of the pitcher's rubber calling balls and strikes, then watching the baserunners, fouls, etc. Sometimes the umpire had to skedaddle backwards trying to watch two or three players at once and baserunners sometimes would run from first straight across the diamond to third base when the ump was chasing a foul ball. Out-



This was an 1885 suggestion for umpires

fielders would stash away extra balls in the long grass of the outfield and on extra base hits they'd miraculously throw out baserunners.

Bill Klem, who served more than 34 years as a big league umpire, once called a third strike on Napoleon Lajoie, who served his fresh cud of chew straight into Klem's hot face.

Those were the days when the umpires would fight back. Billy Evans, who worked 22 years in the big time and umpired more than 3,000 games, once engaged the hot-headed Ty Cobb in a savage fist fight under the stands in Washington. Cobb met his match. Evans was a polished boxer and had they fought under the Marquess of Queensbury rules Cobb might have taken his lumps. But Cobb insisted on a no-holds-barred contest. Cobb was finally pulled off the prostrate Evans, though both men were gory

at the end. The league president fined the two men, but secretly commented, "I wish I could have seen it."

Not many fans know that in 1932 four Chicago White Sox players caught umpire George Moriarty in the runway under the stands and beat him up, but not before Moriarty broke the jaw of one of the players.

If the major leagues were tough in the old days, umpiring in the minor leagues was like hunting bear with a broom even as late as the 1940's. In Jenkins, Ky., one year, an umpire called a close play at the plate in favor of the visiting team. The fans flared and soon a big mountaineer stood up in the crowd and yelled, "String him up!" Before you could say John Barleycorn, somebody had a rope and a lot of wild-eyed guys were climbing onto the field. Luckily, the lights were turned off and the perspiring umpire escaped.

The umpire has always been in an

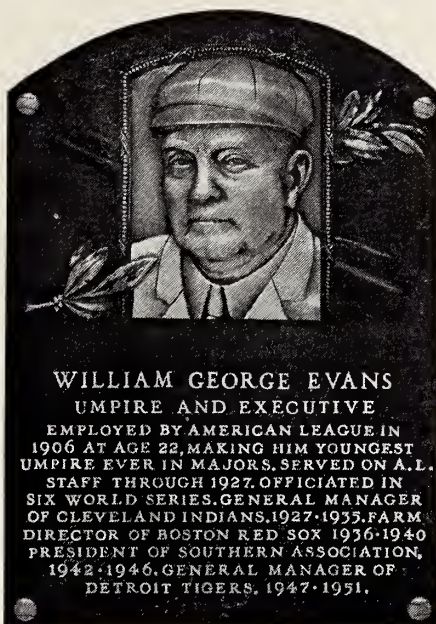
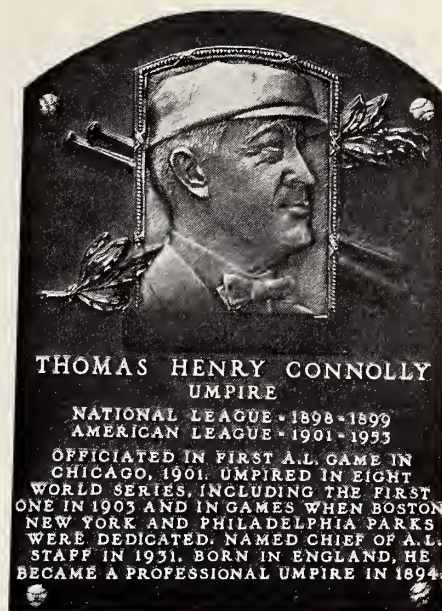
extremely vulnerable position. Take the young rookie ump in his first game who was insulted by a fan's expletive. The young ump tore off his mask, raced to the packed stands and hollered, "Whoever said that, stand up." The entire attendance of 3,000 stood up.

One of the funniest incidents in baseball occurred in the Western League when Nick Cullop, a legendary minor league slugger, was called out on a close play at first base. Cullop charged at the first base umpire, who, instead of holding his ground, started backing away, soon turned, and began trotting and then running. As the umpire increased his speed so did Cullop. Soon all the ballplayers, laughing so hard they could hardly run, began to chase the pair around the park. Before long, Cullop was laughing, too. Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis didn't think it was funny. He seriously considered suspending Cullop for life.

There have been many instances when the umpire is made to look like a donkey and there is little he can do about it but grin or fume in silence. Take Bill Grieve who was at Washington's Griffith Stadium some years ago. Grieve was behind the plate when a play developed at third. The ump started down the line to cover it. Catcher Johnny Peacock also headed there to back up the play. Peacock's leg got caught in Grieve's dangling chest protector. Down went both men. Peacock got up, but couldn't untangle himself. Then Grieve tried, and Peacock went down again. When Peacock got to his feet the second time, Grieve sank to the earth once more. They repeated the seesaw a few more times

until they lay exhausted while the coaches loosened their bonds.

Very few people have ever seen an umpire change his decision. So rare is the occasion that it took a senator, Kenneth B. Keating, then on the Senate Antitrust Subcommittee, to elicit the information from Joe Cronin, American League President. Cronin gave the following account: "Gene Desautels, then a rookie catcher with Detroit, was a cocky young fellow and was giving Umpire Cal Hubbard a hard time. On a play at second, Desautels slid in and Hubbard called him out on a close play. Hubbard was hoping Desautels would complain so he could throw him out of the game. 'You can't call me out,' Desautels said smugly. 'Why not?' Hubbard



started proudly toward the bench, Hurst thundered, "Hey, come back here; that was a foul ball."

"Tim Hurst was the toughest umpire that ever lived," recalled Arlie Latham, an old-time baseball great. "One time I threw my cap on the ground and began yelling bloody murder over one of Tim's decisions. Hurst kicked my cap. I went after the cap and Tim walked alongside of me. As I reached for my cap, he kicked it again. He did this once more and kicked the cap into the dugout. 'And now you follow the cap and don't let me see you anymore today,' said Hurst."

They were talking of the late Bill Klem one day down in Florida and somebody remembered the immortal umpire's only brush with Pie Traynor, then the Pirates' great third sacker. One day, to the amazement of everybody, Klem thumbed Traynor out of the game. "Why Traynor?" asked a reporter, knowing full well that Pie was one of the game's perfect gentlemen who never used profanity on the field. "He wasn't feeling well," replied Klem.

"But he looked healthy," the reporter commented.

"No," said Klem. "He said he was sick of my stupid decisions."

Umpires will sometimes get in the first blow against rookies to discourage future disrespect. Jimmy Dykes tells the story about his first year in the majors when umpire Bill Guthrie called a strike on him. "I tap the plate and kind of turn my head and he says, 'You didn't like that call?' 'Well, I wasn't going to say anything, but since you bring it up, I did think the pitch was a little high.'"

"Don't tell anybody else," Bill says. "If your eyesight is failing, no-



roared. 'Because,' said Desautels, 'I'm sitting on the ball.'"

When umpires quit the game, they feel as lost as ex-ballplayers and sometimes they take an odd job umpiring. When Red Jones quit the American League, he umpired a game at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. The catcher on the home team was tough. He growled at every call. "Finally, between innings," recalls Red, "I struck up a conversation with him. 'What do they have you in here for, Pal?' I asked. He looked up and said, 'For killin' a big guy about your size.' He got all the close ones the rest of the game."

When a player who blistered Tim Hurst all afternoon slammed a drive down the right field line, Tim personally escorted the player around the bases admonishing him to touch each bag. After the player slid into the plate, dusted himself off and

You Can't Kill the Umpire!

body'll know about it but me and you and the catcher.'"

National League umpire Dusty Boggess was umpiring in a minor league in the Southwest when he called two quick strikes on Bob Dillinger, who later played major league ball. Without saying a word, Dillinger stepped out of the box and handed his glasses to Boggess. The umpire took off his mask, put on the glasses, replaced his mask, and yelled "Play ball!"

On the next pitch the umpire roared, "Strike three!"

"Where was that last pitch?" demanded Dillinger. "I don't know," admitted Boggess. "I couldn't see with your glasses, and I know you couldn't see without them, so it's strike three and you're out."

The first blow doesn't always work to advantage, however. In the Southern Association they had a famous umpire called Steamboat Johnson, who had a run-in with a rookie, Roy Hartsfield. (Steamboat carried a card signed by an oculist and a notary public certifying that his vision was 20-20 in each eye.) On the first pitch Steamboat hollered strike and the kid turned around to glare his displeasure. Steamboat took off his mask and said: "Son, you're new to this league so I'll introduce myself. I'm Steamboat Johnson, and I been here a long time, and you look like a good young fellow. Now, then, you learn to hit that pitch I just called, and you might go to the big leagues."

"You learn to call that pitch," snapped Hartsfield, "and we'll both go to the big leagues."

Look what happened to one good-natured umpire who lost home plate! Some players covered up the regular home plate with dirt and rigged up with white lime a phony plate and batter's box two or three feet in front. After finishing his talk with the managers about ground rules the unnamed umpire took out his whisk broom and brushed and brushed, but no plate appeared. Finally, the first hitter took the umpire by the arm and showed him where the real plate was. He never lived it down.

Strangely, the majority of ballplayers refuse to consider a career in umpiring. Lon Warneke, former Cardinal and Cub pitching star, who went on to be a major league umpire, says it takes too much out of a man. "He's got to be alert all the time. Is it a ball or a strike? Did the pitcher make a legal delivery? Did he balk? Did the catcher interfere with the

hitter? Did the ball land fair or foul? Is the infielder trying the hidden ball trick? Ballplayers, you know, don't want to work that hard."

No one summed up the philosophy of umpiring as characteristically as Billy Evans. A batter dribbled a dying grounder down the third base line that seemed to stop outside the foul line. "Foul ball," shouted Evans, at the same instant that the ball in its final revolution limped over a pebble and perversely swung back into fair territory by a hair. The dug-out spewed ballplayers by the dozens. "How could that be foul?" the manager grimaced in triumph at a sweet moment which he had been awaiting for 20 years. Guarding the pellet with outstretched legs, he called upon the stands and the heavens to witness this shameful mockery of law and justice.

"It sure looks fair," Evans admitted benignly, shaking his head to share the sorrow. "It would have been fair yesterday and it will be fair tomorrow. But right now, gentle-



Waah! I was traded to the Tigers for Mary Jane Stewart!"

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men, it's foul because that's the way I called it, and it ain't nothing at all until I call it."

Bob Emslie took issue when John McGraw of the Giants compared his eyesight to a bat and advised him to see an oculist. The next morning umpire Emslie showed up at morning practice with a rifle under his arm. As the players dove for cover, Bob set up a dime on a matchbox on second base. From home plate he blasted the dime, then stalked off the field without a word. That was the last time any of the Giants ever

questioned Emslie's eyesight.

"When an umpire misses a play it isn't because he doesn't see well," says Bill Stewart. "It's usually a case of slow reaction."

Good umpires have learned valuable tricks of the trade from the old pros. Larry Goetz, the retired National League umpire, was distinctive among umpires for his deliberate call. He never was accused of calling a play too fast.

"When I was a boy in Cincinnati, I watched Billy Klem closely any time I went to a game in which he was umpiring," Larry said. "When I got a chance I talked to him. He advised all young umpires to school themselves not to make decisions on open and shut calls—to ignore it when the runner was clearly out or safe. Then, when the close ones came up, you wouldn't find your arm in the air because of habit."

"You don't always call a play by sight," adds umpire Ed Runge. "Sometimes it's done by ear. For instance, on a play to first base, you watch the base, see if the fielder has his foot on the bag, then you *hear* the thrown ball arrive in the glove. In that way you can positively tell whether the runner or the ball got there first."

When television came to the big leagues with instant replay and stop action there were fears TV might embarrass the men who call the plays. However, replay action has almost unanimously proved that the major leagues are manned by a competent and hustling crew of umpires who do consistently fine work.

About once or twice a season someone will suggest an electronic eye to call balls and strikes and base decisions automatically. But this will never come to pass because the umpire can be a showman as well as an arbiter. Some deliberately call a wrong decision to stir the fans up. There is one umpire who, if a game becomes monotonous, will call a ball a foot over the hitter's head a strike. The crowd will suddenly wake up and get on him. And he will softly murmur, "See, the multitude is happy now."

The constant feud between umpire and ballplayer is also a relative one. Frank Gabler, one-time big league pitcher, found this out when he became an umpire. In one game Gabler was being berated by a pitcher. Finally, Frank took time out and walked to the mound shaking his head solemnly. "Look, Son I used to be a pitcher, too, for 15 years. And for 15 years I used to think them pitches were strikes, too. Now let me tell you something, Son. I just found

out I've been wrong for 15 years. Them ain't strikes."

When do they throw a player out of a game? "When he gets abusive or carries an argument too far," says Augie Donatelli. "You never deny a player his beef. If he wants to tell you he thinks you're wrong, that's his privilege. But if he uses bad language or insults you personally, he gets the gate."

All the umpires had the greatest respect, even affection, for such great stars as Stan Musial or Ted Williams who never once gave them a bad word. Williams once defended umpire Jocko Conlan from his own manager over a called third strike.

Managers squawk, Jimmy Dykes used to say, because, "You've got to let the umpires know they're being watched; that we want an equal share of the close decisions. Suppose ball and man arrive at the same time at the plate. The ump calls our man out. If we take it without a complaint the fans think we don't care. You've got to fight for your rights."

Umpire Larry Goetz tells of one old-time umpire, "Shamokin" Kelly, who worked at the turn of the century. Fred Clarke, manager-

outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates, once kept a runner on third after he had caught a fly in left field by juggling the ball until he had reached the infield. The rule read that a "runner cannot attempt to score until the ball has been caught." One day Kelly stopped Clarke and permitted the runner to score. When Clarke protested, Kelly told him, "Clarke, one block from here is a circus. Go over there and put on your juggling act. Now get out of the game."

But even an umpire can't judge some situations. Take a game between the Pirates and the Cubs one year. There were runners on first and second. The pitcher threw the ball and the batter swung, but the catcher missed the ball and started back for it. The plate umpire, however, thought the batter had ticked the ball for a foul. When the pitcher ran it toward the plate, the umpire tossed him a new ball.

Meanwhile, the base runners had started to move. So when the catcher finally caught up with the ball that had gone behind the plate, he fired it to Ernie Banks, at second base. The pitcher saw the runners, too, and

also fired toward second. Banks saw both balls coming and just ducked his head. There was only one thing the umpires could do: call time and send the runners back.

Ed Hurley, veteran American League umpire, was asked what questions the fans throw at him most. "I always used to get this one at banquets. They'd say: 'What's your call if the batter hits a home run and the player drops dead at the plate?' I'd tell 'em, call a medical examiner."

Have they ever really "killed the umpire?" Yes, and oddly enough it was after a game in which no one argued with the ump. The game was played in 1911 on the grounds of the Nevada State Penitentiary, and the umpire was Patrick Casey, a convict. Casey had been an ardent baseball fan all his life. As the day of his execution approached, the warden made the customary inquiry about his last wishes. "I always wanted to umpire a game," Casey said wistfully. The warden agreed, so a game was arranged between two convict teams and Casey was named umpire. The next day, Casey, a convicted murderer, was executed. END.

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U.S. Dollar Is 201 Years Old

—It Hasn't Been an Easy Life

By CORNELIO A. LAZO

THE AMERICAN DOLLAR will be 201 years old on June 22.

The second Continental Congress had bills to pay and it couldn't wait for the Declaration of Independence. It created the dollar in 1775 and the poor thing has had its ups and downs ever since. But no patient ever had more attentive doctors.

Born a ragamuffin, it weathered the ailments of a poor childhood, prospered, coughed, declined, recovered and somehow persevered. Its medical chart is the history of the Republic.

Money performs three functions. It is a standard medium of exchange,



a yardstick to fix values or prices and it is an instrument of savings. A currency is sound when it performs all three of its functions well.

If there is not enough money in circulation business is bad. If there is too much money in circulation, its value decreases and it fails as an instrument of savings. When the value of money decreases, the price of material things increases disproportionately to usefulness—and economics become shaky.

A happy medium is obviously preferable.

Communists, of course, claim this ideal situation exists in the controlled economics of Russia, China and the other communist countries. But money in Russia, China and other communist countries does not have to serve as an instrument of savings. It is only exchange—a means to distribute the state's production. Forget the profit motive.

Capitalism, the free enterprise sys-



Statue of Alexander Hamilton looms large in front of today's Treasury. Inset is 1804 Customs House

tem, on the other hand, has not made everybody rich, but communism has made everybody poor. In fact, communism has made it illegal for *anybody* to become rich.

Former World Chess champion Boris Spassky refused to take home to Russia the \$100,000 he won during his 1972 championship match with Bobby Fisher; Solzhenitsyn left his royalties in Switzerland and now enjoys them.

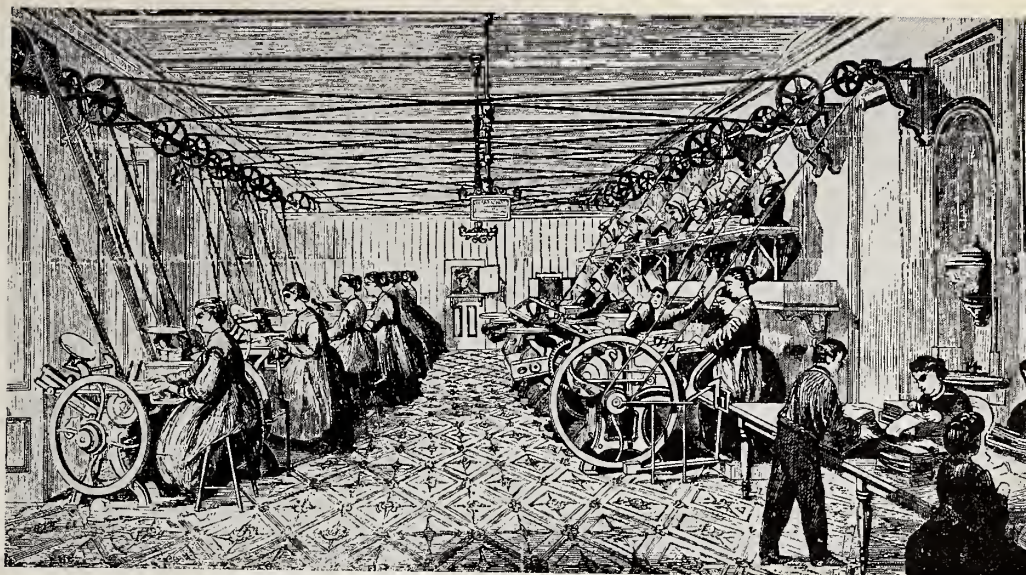
The song says money is the root of all evil. Maybe. But it is impossible to measure the contribution money has made to civilization.

The first currency was common objects such as hides, chunks of metal or cattle. Barley was the medium of exchange in ancient Babylon. The Maya-Aztecs of Mexico and Central America were using cacao beans and bright feathers until the *conquistadores* arrived. In some parts of the world sea shells or bars of salt were "money." But hides rot; most metals rust; cattle die; barley and chocolate get eaten; feathers blow away; salt melts, and sea shells crumble. They all fail as instruments of savings. And they leave something to be desired as a medium of exchange. Just try to drive a herd of sheep into the supermarket or figure out how many bright feathers equal a tank of gasoline.

The ancient Assyrians, Egyptians, Phoenicians and Greeks were the first to use bits of precious metals, of a fixed weight, marked with effigies, signs or symbols as a medium of exchange. By the 8th century B.C., minted coins were issued—for the first time—in Lydia, Asia Minor (now Turkey); and this practice was spread from there to the entire civilized world. Most were made out of gold, silver or bronze—and still are—not because they were pretty or scarce, but because they resisted rust! Imagine if you opened your piggy bank and found it full of rust. It would be as heartbreaking as stuffing paper money into a mattress and finding that mice ate it. (Though inflation accomplishes much the same thing.)

Some trace inflation to the printing press—Johann Gutenberg, c. 1440, but Assyrians, Egyptians, Phoenicians, Greeks, and Romans all tasted devaluation, and ancient manuscripts frequently complain about the high cost of living.

Governments did not hesitate to vary the legal weight of coins. The Romans *as*, for instance, dropped from 327 grams of silver to only about 5 grams after the Second Punic War against Hannibal. The French silver pound that had weighed 325



Civil War currency room resembled garment factory

grams during Philip the Fair's time was shattered into 5-gram francs by the time of the French Revolution. But this was not inflation. If a Roman had had an old 327-gram silver *as*, he could change it into 65 new *asses* and some change after Hannibal's armies left Europe. And if Madame Defarge had salted away an old silver pound, she could have changed it into 65 francs and some more yarn after the Revolution.

Gold and silver coins were an ideal instrument of savings until the discovery of the New World and its precious metals. The problem of 15th century Europe was not inflation, it was the scarcity of money. Peasants bartered one commodity for another—for instance, a pig for six chickens.

Gold was not valued too highly by the Aztecs, Mayas or Incas. It was pretty, shiny, and decorative; so they used it for making jewelry and religious symbols. It was not used as a medium of exchange, or as an instrument of savings. It was too abundant—both Montezuma in Mexico and Atahualpa in Peru could fill rooms with it. In fact, they did; and this was their undoing when Cortez, the Pizarro brothers and the other *conquistadores* found it and sent it to Spain. The value of gold in Europe promptly tumbled. This was inflation, by some yardsticks, but it really did not hurt anybody. The gold was minted into coins in Europe, and the coins, once in circulation, gave impetus to the Industrial Revolution.

Some monetary researchers claim inflation didn't hatch in Europe, but in America. The first settlers who came to what is now the United States did not find rooms full of gold. They could not send gold home to England and England certainly could

not afford to send gold to them, despite the profitable raids on galleons bound from Central America and South America for Spain.

Most North American colonists resorted to barter. The Virginia plantation on which George Washington was born was paid for, and equipped, with one pound sterling and 5,000 pounds of tobacco.

Chartered trading companies (the London Company, the Plymouth Company and the Massachusetts Bay Company) had the right to coin money, and they did.

Although the United States won the war with Britain, it found itself in very serious monetary trouble. The Continental Dollar was never really backed by anything but the good faith of the patriots, and 451 million Continental Dollars were in circulation by 1783. This *was* inflation! The expression "not worth a Continental . . ." was coined. "Real" European money was scarce along the frontiers. Markets were prostrated. Crops rotted in the ground for lack of buyers. People resorted to barter. In short, the new country was experiencing its first depression!

Debtor groups demanded that *state* governments manufacture paper money to pay their obligations. The political contests quickly became struggles between creditor and debtor classes. Seven state legislatures were carried by the paper-money forces in 1786. Rhode Island passed measures under which every man could satisfy his obligations with practically worthless state currency. And, since it was legal tender for debts owed to people in other states, Connecticut and Massachusetts indignantly passed retaliatory measures. When paper-money forces

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failed to carry Massachusetts and New Hampshire, armed disturbances broke out.

Capt. Daniel Shay, a veteran of Bunker Hill, challenged Massachusetts Governor Bowdoin and led his followers on a march to the arsenal at Springfield. His forces were scattered, but the brief struggle frightened monied men throughout the 13 original states.

Industry was just beginning to spring up in New England. Most Americans were farmers, and there was plenty of land to the west. Merchants dealt in a curious hodgepodge of coins minted by a dozen nations and states. The more valuable coins were often clipped and short in weight. A maddening variety of state and national paper bills rapidly depreciated.

All of this took place under the Articles of Confederation. The situation prompted many suspicious Americans to accept the Constitution in 1787 and the powerful, new, central government, which, at Alexander Hamilton's insistence, established the first United States Mint in Philadelphia, then the nation's capital, on April 2, 1792; and set the value of the U.S. dollar at 24.3 grams of silver. The relationship between silver and gold was fixed at one to 15, making gold worth about \$19.40 an ounce.

Inflation was halted. The first silver dollars and half-dollars were minted in 1794 and the first gold coins in 1795. But where did the fledgling United States get the gold and silver?

Well, minting was free! A man could come to the mint with a silver spoon and have it melted into a half-dollar. His wife's gold comb might be melted into a "golden eagle" worth \$10. Her gold candlesticks could make \$20 "double eagles," or eight \$5 "half eagles."

But there was only so much silverware and so many gold candlesticks. Where did the rest of the precious metal come from?

The origin of the word dollar might give us a hint. The Spanish piaster, called *dolera*, was in circulation in the Caribbean where Hamilton was born. It has been suggested that the founding fathers melted all of the *doleras* and every other foreign coin that fell into their hands into dollars.

Whatever the source, Hamilton's new currency—the U.S. dollar—passed all three monetary tests: it was a standard medium of exchange;

it made investments secure, and it guaranteed savings.

President Washington and Secretary of the Treasury Hamilton promptly set out to assume state debts totaling \$18 million and pay off *all* of the resultant national debt—some \$56 million. Congress set up a Bank of the United States modeled on the Bank of England, established a national mint, passed a tariff law to aid American manufacturers and levied an excise tax on all distilled liquors. These measures established the credit of the national government and gave it all the revenues it needed.

Thomas Jefferson, speaking for all advocates of state rights, had objected to Hamilton's scheme for a national bank, but when he became President he was able to pay in U.S. dollars for the Louisiana Purchase, though he admitted he "stretched the Constitution till it cracked," acting alone, without Congressional consent. Even more surprising is the fact that Napoleon had enough faith in the United States and its economy to deal at all! The U.S. Constitution was only 14 years old and the first U.S. silver dollars were only nine years old. Jefferson paid France—the most powerful nation in the world—\$11,250,000 in cash, and he assumed claims against France for \$3,750,000.

Jefferson, in his 1805 inaugural address, preached "wise and frugal government." In 1806 the national revenues were \$14,500,000. Expenses came to \$8,500,000. The surplus was \$6 million. By the end of 1807, Jefferson's thrifty, farsighted, Swiss-born Secretary of the Treasury, Albert Gallatin, had reduced the national debt—which had grown since Washington's time—to less than \$70 million! In the 18 years that followed George Washington's inauguration (April 30, 1789), the United States was able to meet all of its operating expenses, make the Louisiana Purchase and still pay off some \$4 million in debts.

The value of the U.S. dollar remained more or less stable until the Civil War, though there were depressions and crises—some influenced by the colossal struggle between Great Britain and Napoleon.

Jefferson, determined to stay neutral, convinced Congress to pass the Embargo Act, a law forbidding foreign commerce altogether. It was a grim experiment. United States shipping interests were almost ruined. Discontent rose in New England and New York. Southern and

western farm prices tumbled when farmers could not ship their surplus grain, meat and tobacco overseas. In a single year American exports fell 80 per cent, but Jefferson, an admirer of the French, failed in his hope that the embargo would starve Britain into a change of policy.

As the grumbling at home increased, Jefferson turned to a milder measure—a Non-Intercourse Law, which forbade commerce with Britain or France but promised relief as soon as either country ceased its attacks upon neutral commerce.

Napoleon, in 1810, officially announced that he had abandoned his measures. This was a lie—he was maintaining them—but the United States under President Madison accepted his word and limited the Non-Intercourse Law to Britain. Relations with London deteriorated and the two countries drifted rapidly toward the War of 1812, one of the most unfortunate events in American history.

The War of 1812 strengthened national unity and patriotism and it made a national hero of the fiery, imperious Andrew Jackson, never mind that the Battle of New Orleans was fought Jan. 8, 1815—after the Treaty of Ghent, ending the war, had been signed. It was the only dramatic victory won by the United States; and it was won by a bizarre army of frontiersmen and pirates.

The people loved Jackson for it. He was to become one of the few Presidents whose heart and soul were completely with the plain people—and the heart and soul of the plain people were completely with him. And this influenced the nation's monetary course. Jackson believed in equal economic opportunity and he hated monopoly, special privilege, and the intricacies of capitalistic finance. He had been born in utter poverty and been victimized by shrewd merchants.

When the Jacksonians overwhelmed John Quincy Adams in the earthquake election of 1828, he had his chance . . . and he took it!

Hamilton's baby, the first Bank of the United States, had been allowed to die. But, in 1816, the second Bank of the United States had been incorporated. On the whole, it was well conducted and rendered valuable services. Its head, the dexterous Nicholas Biddle, was supported by Henry Clay and the Whigs. But Jackson saw it as the citadel of Eastern finance and monopolistic power. He vetoed a bill for its recharter. Then he removed government deposits from the bank, placing

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LEGION DATES TO REMEMBER:

April is Children & Youth Month...
National High School Oratorical Contest
finals, April 15, Springfield, IL...
National Executive Committee Meeting,
May 3-6, Indianapolis...59th Annual Na-
tional Convention, Aug. 20-26, Seattle, WA
with Washington Plaza Hotel designated as
Headquarters site...51st Legion World
Series of Baseball, Sept. 2-6, Manchester,
NH.

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At Post 74, West Warwick, the Dep't of
Rhode Island donated its 75,000th pint of
blood in 15 years...Post 680, Ney, OH claims
to be first post to equal or surpass an
all-time high for the 1977 membership year
by reaching goal Jan. 25, 1976...National
Cancer Drive fund totaled \$616,000 Feb. 15
...Legion membership on Feb. 4, 1976 was
2,263,899, an increase of 70,910 over same
date last year...Sons of American Legion
enjoying another expansion year with 13 new
squadrons already...1975 SAL membership
rose above 24,500 with 114 new squadrons
commissioned.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION AWARD:

Went to Alexander Solzhenitsyn, award-
winning author whose novels on life in the
Soviet Union are read by millions worldwide.

QUOTES OF INTEREST:

In recent speech, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater
(R-AZ) said: "Congressional stone throwers
who attack legal and earned benefits of our
soldiers, sailors and airmen should remember
the little-known and often blatant
privileges enjoyed by legislators in the
glass house on the Hill."...He said also:
"These attacks are hypocritical, for no
group in the United States has more fringe
benefits, allowances - call them what you
will - than members of Congress. Moreover,
we voted them for ourselves, often as
amendments to other legislation, without
fanfare."...On The Other Hand: Sen. Strom
Thurmond (R-SC) criticized military
publications for "brainwashing" military
people...During Senate Armed Services
Committee hearings on FY 1977 Defense Pro-
curement Bill, he said in reference to
apparent erosion in military benefits: "The
military publications keep publishing it,
and I understand too, that they do it for
headlines and sensationalism in some cases,
but...they are brainwashing the people in
the military to a certain extent by making
them feel that Congress is taking away their
benefits and the Department of Defense is

taking away their benefits and would like to
see it stopped."...Thurmond criticized
Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for DoD's
failure to keep its people informed on plans
to adjust pay and benefits.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE END MEANS JOB LOSSES;
LEGION TESTIFIED AGAINST DRASTIC FUND CUTS:**

Approximately 1,600 of 2,000 Selective
Service System employees will have lost jobs
by May 8, according to Director Byron V.
Pepitone...By end of FY 1977, only 100
employees will remain...For practical
purposes, draft boards and registration
requirements ended Feb. 1...Legion's Na-
tional Security Division Director James R.
Wilson testified before House Armed Services
Committee's Investigations Subcommittee
that FY 1977 funds of only \$6.8 million,
compared to FY 1976 funds of \$37.5 million,
were inadequate to provide short notice
mobilization with any degree of tested
certainty...He questioned ability of pro-
posed "deep standby posture" of Selective
Service System to fulfill Public Law 92-129
requirements...As reported in Magazine's
March issue, Legion's one-day registration
plans were cancelled...Legion was thanked
by Pepitone for endeavors...Legion support
was pledged in Resolution 533, of 57th
National Convention.

**COMMISSARY SUPPORT FUND CUTS
PROPOSED AGAIN:**

In FY 1977 Budget, DoD again proposes
phase-out of appropriated fund support for
military commissaries over three-year
period...Attempts last year to cut funds
were defeated in Congress...By Resolution
216 of 1975 National Convention, Legion
supports military commissary systems...
DoD making study on closing some commis-
saries with emphasis on those in concen-
trated areas such as Military District of
Washington...Operation of all commissaries
by Army & Air Force Exchange Service also
under study.

VA PROTESTS ARTICLES:

In lengthy telegram to CHICAGO TRIBUNE,
VA Administrator Richard L. Roudebush
vigorously protested two articles he called
"blatant example of misleading reporting"
...Cited were headlines saying "Veterans
Are The Victims of a Clumsy VA Giant," and
"Poor Care is Common Fare in VA Hospitals"
...After detailing reasons for criticism,
Roudebush said articles malign not only the
VA and its more than 200,000 dedicated em-
ployees, but also Congress and veterans
organizations.

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for veteran, widow/er is increased from \$2,600 to \$2,900 annually.

Income limitation for veteran or widow/er with dependents, or DIC parents living together with spouse, increased from \$4,200 to \$4,500 annually. Protected pensioners in this category have income limits increased from \$3,900 to \$4,200 annually.

Income limitation for children under current law is increased from \$2,400 to \$2,700 annually and from \$2,600 to \$2,900 if receiving Protected Pension benefits.

Aid and attendance benefits for current law veterans are increased from \$123 to \$133 monthly. Housebound benefits are increased from \$49 to \$53 monthly. Aid and attendance benefits for current law death pensions widow/ers, service pension widow/ers (Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War), death compensation widow/ers and parents, and DIC parents are increased from \$64 to \$69 monthly.

Current law death pension for a child has been increased from \$49 to \$53, with the amount payable for each additional child increased from \$20 to \$22 monthly.

For those beneficiaries currently receiving Protected Pension benefits, there is no increase in monthly payments.

A table of new rates should be available from your Department or Post Service Officer.

VA Budget Request Far Short Of Legion-Backed Proposals

The Veterans Administration has requested budget appropriations of approximately \$18.1 billion for Fiscal Year 1977, a decrease of about \$1.4 billion from FY 1976 expenditures.

The proposed new budget calls for \$1.437 billion less in benefit program costs and \$193 million less for construction needs.

On the other hand, VA says it requires \$307.8 million more this year for medical care and an additional \$25.3 in general operating expenses.

The FY 1977 budget does not include an estimated \$935.5 million needed if pending Congressional legislation does not pass during the 94th Congress. Legislative experts feel most proposals will not be approved so that supplemental appropriations may be needed.

Proposed legislation being considered and reduced funds involved if enacted, are:

- Elimination of duplicate Federal burial benefits\$ 85 million
- Repeal of 2-year delimiting date extension for education benefits under PL 93-337\$635.5 million

- Termination of eligibility for veterans education benefits for service commencing after July 1, 1976\$ 25.1 million
- Elimination of correspondence and flight training, effective July 1, 1976\$ 35 million
- Termination of Pre-Retirement Education Program (PREP), effective July 1, 1976\$ 28.9 million

- Provide reimbursement to the VA by private insurers for hospital care and treatment for non-service connected veterans\$ 130 million

An additional \$4 million would be needed if Congress authorizes a 50-50 Federal grant program with State governments for construction, improvement, and operation of State cemeteries.

The American Legion has called for improved compensation and benefits

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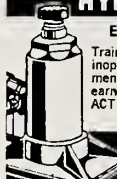


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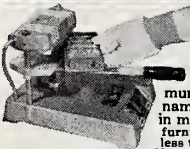
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for veterans, including more employment services and expanded insurance and pension rights. The proposed VA Budget does not include such improvements.

Senator Vance Hartke (D-Ind.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, expressed concern over the President's budget for veteran's benefits after it was submitted to Congress. He said the proposed budget would be a reduction of current year expenditures of \$1.8 to \$2.5 billion depending on final spending totals for the year. He said:

"These figures represent a 10% to 13% cut in the total VA budget as well as an absolute decline in veterans' share of the federal budget dollar. Veterans' benefits and services would decline to only 4.3% of the total federal budget under President Ford's proposal."

Hartke said the budget contains absolutely no cost of living increases for compensation, pension or the GI Bill programs despite continuing inflation. Nor does the President's budget allow for enactment of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Reform Act unanimously passed by Senate on December 15, or for the GI Bill entitlement extension which has passed the House of Representatives and is currently pending in the Senate.

Hartke pledged to "increase the budget to realistic levels which more fully meet the actual needs of our veterans."

Under the proposed FY 1977 budget, average VA employment would be 209,845, an increase of 2,135.

The estimated inpatient treatment load will be 1,365,443 an increase of 51,612 over FY 1976. It is projected that outpatient medical visits will reach 15,590,000 about 200,000 more than in 1976.

Appropriations for medical and prosthetic research would total \$97.4 million in FY 1977 if the budget is approved.

Funding in excess of \$13 million will be provided for various cemetery projects. These include opening of two new national cemeteries, one in California and one in Massachusetts. The development of master plans is proceeding for new cemeteries in Pennsylvania, or New York, and the DC area with a columbarium for the National cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Finally, the proposed budget may affect some CHAMPUS Beneficiaries. On January 26, 1976, a Bulletin on this subject was issued by the Technical Information Division, Office of CHAMPUS, Denver, Colorado. Department Service Officers/Rehabilitation Directors, should have information on pro-

posed change. However, no changes can be made before the bill is actually signed. Those affected should contact their CHAMPUS Advisor or Health Benefits Counselor.

DEATHS

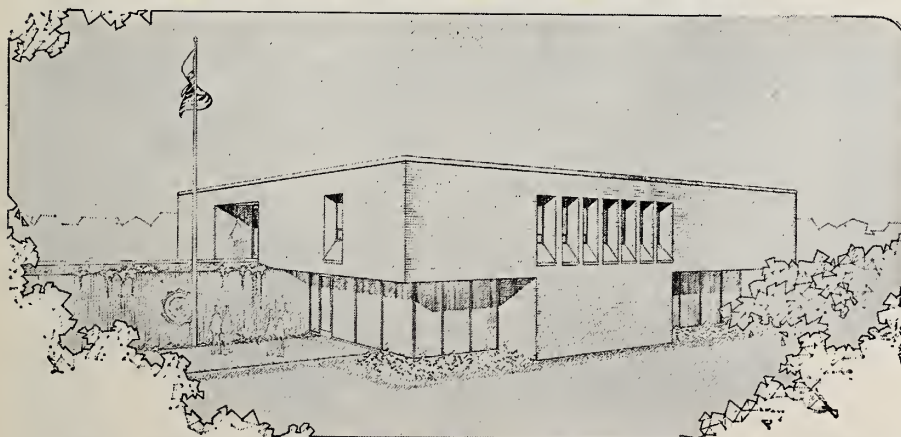
Hilmar Robert (H.R.) Baukhage, 87, Washington, DC, a noted radio commentator for two decades and veteran Washington newsman. He was past commander and post chaplain many years of National Press Club Post 20, American Legion. In news field nearly 60 years, Baukhage was well-known for opening network signature "Baukhage Talking". He was first newscaster to broadcast live from White House when he broke story on Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. He broadcast live the outbreak of World War II from Berlin when Germany attacked Poland in 1939. Baukhage served with American Expeditionary Forces in World War I. He covered Paris Peace Conference and Nuremberg War Crime Trials after World War II. He was staff member of Stars & Stripes, U.S. News & World Report and Army Times. He broadcast for NBC, ABC and Mutual networks. Baukhage was co-author of several military books.

Sydney P. Simons, Bridgeport, CT, Past Dep't Comdr (1952-52).

W. A. "Wally" Carpenter, Marysville, WA, member of NEC (1962-63) and alternate NECman (1963-65).

Charles J. Maddox, Jr., 54, Lakeland, FL. He served as National Commander's Representative on National Military Affairs Committee (1970-73) and consultant to that committee (1973-76).

New Illinois Department Headquarters



Contracts for nearly \$467,000 were awarded for construction of new headquarters of Department of Illinois, American Legion. Shown is architects drawing of two-story building to be erected in southeast Bloomington. Completion is expected by Veterans Day, 1976.

Frank O. Sether, Olympia, WA, Past National Executive Committeeman (1954-55) and past member of National Economic Commission. He served as Chief de Gare of 40/8 (1939) and post adjutant and service officer for 46 years. He was Legion member 57 years.

Tentative Freedom Train Schedule for May-June

May 8-10, Mobile, AL
May 12-13, Tallahassee, FL
May 15-17, Columbus, GA
May 18-20, Macon, GA
May 22-27, Atlanta, GA
May 29-June 1, Birmingham, AL
June 2-4, Huntsville, AL
June 3-7, Chattanooga, TN
June 9-13, Nashville, TN
June 15-17, Louisville, KY
June 19-21, Charleston, WV
June 23-28, Pittsburgh, PA
June 30-July 5, Washington, DC

Pennsylvania Legion-Police Youth Week Set

The Seventh Annual American Legion-State Police Youth Week will be held June 20-26, 1976, at the State Police Academy, Hershey, Pa. Approximately 110 boys from throughout the State will participate in program designed to create better understanding between young people and officials responsible for enforcing the law.

Program dates were jointly announced by American Legion State Commander John E. Titus and Col. James D. Barger, State Police Commissioner. The Legion pays all expenses in conjunction with program, which is under overall supervision of American Legion's Law and Order Committee. Clifford O'Neal, of Montoursville, is chairman of that Committee.

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Auxiliary Elected Mayor

Mayor Jennie F. Cave, first woman elected mayor of Norwalk, Conn., and long-time member of The American Legion Auxiliary, was honored at annual military ball of Post 12, Norwalk, Conn. Mayor Cave has served as Unit 12 and Third District Auxiliary Commander. During program, featuring Legion's Bicentennial Year celebrations, she was presented with red, white and blue hand-



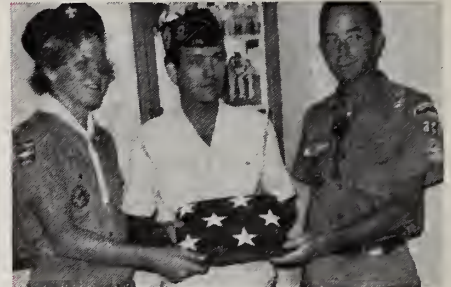
made shawl. Shown, from left, are: Edward J. Miller, Jr., Post Vice Comdr.; Roseanne La Rochelle, Auxiliary President; John J. Pachin, Post Comdr.; Mayor Cave; and Alvin De Freese, Jr., Vice Comdr.



At general meeting of Erie County Committee, Post 665, Buffalo, N.Y., contributed \$500 towards The American Legion Cancer Drive in memory of recently departed Maurice Stember, Department of New York Adjutant. Shown at presentation, from left, are Michael Kogut, Past Dep't Commander of New York; George Mead, past Dep't Comdr of New York and former Dep't Rehabilitation Director, accepting check from James Hooker and Peter Stella, both Past Post Comdrs, Post 665.

Legionaires are invited to attend special Bicentennial Celebration, Alaska Style, set for July 2-5 by Post 7, Skagway, Alaska. Program to include parade, costume ball, games, sports competition.

Skagway called "Gateway City to the Yukon" since its was jumping off place for mass of gold seekers in 1897. Featured will be 40-mile round trip on narrow gage railway. Many of its coaches are same as in gold rush days. Trip winds through some of the most beautiful scenery in Alaska.



Walter McFadden, Jr., Past Cmdr, Post 196, Suitland, Md., presented an American flag that had flown over the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C., to Boy Scout Troop 306, Kamehameha District, Aloha Council, Honolulu, Hawaii. Tom Barney, Scoutmaster, is at right in photo. Senior Patrol Leader Scott Sockwell is at left.

Post 118, Chicago, Ill., in a Canned Goods for the Needy campaign, collected and donated to The Little Brothers of the Poor 20 cartons of canned goods, three boxes of fresh fruit, and \$586 in cash. Also, the post gave its annual Turkey Night receipts of \$334 to the disabled vets at Hines VA Hospital.

NEW POSTS

The following new posts were recently chartered by The American Legion:

Mayhew-Vincent, White Cane Post 266, Orange County, CA; Metcalf County Post 154, Edmonton, KY; Fern Ridge Post 69, Veneta, OR; San Antonio Post 579, San Antonio, TX; Transit Post 77, Seattle, WA; Allatoona Post 279, Acworth, GA; Cuaseway Post 381, Jefferson Parish, LA; New Sarpy Post 382, New Sarpy, LA; Greene County Bicentennial Post 676, Springfield, MO; Central Oregon Post 31, Bend, OR; Brunn-Prchal Post 1888, Rocky Point, WY; The Loudon County Post 195, Lenoir City, TN; Cedar Hill Post 302, Cedar Hill, TX; Bronco Post 356, Dallas, TX; Whitney Post 522, Whitney, TX.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

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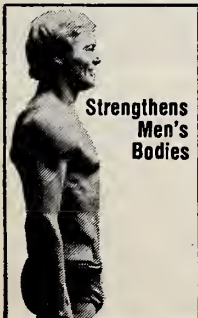
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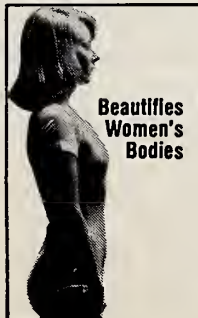
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LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life membership Post awards that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Departments.

Van R. Brooks (1971) and Bob Legan (1974), Post 20, Russellville, AR

Donald L. Inskeep (1976), Post 150, Burbank, CA

William A. Anderson, John W. Baleria, (both 1970), Frederick D. Brindley, Paul Bucks, and Walter E. Brunett (all 1975), Post 349, Los Angeles, CA

R. K. Kramer, Julian Field, and Albert L. Giles, (all 1976), Post 12, W. Palm Beach, FL

Bill Brown, William H. Davies, Reuben Wilkinson, Fred Mays (all 1975), Post 22, Cocoa, FL

David Ducre, Samuel Jordan, Willie White (1976), Willie Bennett, and Isham Green (1975), Post 192, Ft. Meyers, FL

Alva J. Robinson, John Koorda, Henry Rothenhoefer, Sam Ruble, and Medorie J. Savioe (all 1975), Post 155, Harvey, IL

William T. Courtney (1975), Post 227, E. Moline, IL

Walter A. Zieman (1974) Post 712, Chicago, IL

Charles H. Bissell, Erwin B. Bublitz, Raymond E. Campion, Patrick Casey, Miles Cliff (all 1976) Post 728, Chicago, IL

Donald E. Knotts, Dewey E. Leeson, Edgar A. Lindgren, Milton E. Peters, Warren E. Pierce (all 1975) Post 20, Crown Point, IN

Rowe B. Myers (1975) Post 310, Kirklint, IN

Leslie O. Wolford, and Fred R. Rohrer (both 1975), Post 42, Hagerstown, MD

Joseph L. White, Lawrence E. Curtis, Howard A. Burns, Thomas W. McGee, (1976), Post 6, Lynn, MA

Walter J. Westwood (1975) Post 114, Milton, MA

LaVere Wooden (1976), Post 550, Onsted, MI

James Schaub, Joseph Matusznski (both 1975) Post 193, Luna Pier, MI

Joseph G. Dicks, George J. Kloyda, Jacob B. Makieski, John C. Rebholz, Albert R. Simon, (all 1975), Post 406, St. Paul, MN

William R. Ware, A. G. Thurlo, Aaron D. Peterson (1973), Harold H. Abbott, (1974), Post 274, Browning, MO

Max R. Otte, (1976), Post 1089, New Hyde Park, Nassau

John D. Buczek, and Fabian I. Izsa (both 1975), Post 359, Passaic, NJ

Anthony Gross (1976), Post 245, Stanhope, NJ

Louis Gilbert (1975), Daniel S. Mellin, Emil Rubacky (1974) and Gustav F. Schablick (1969), Post 200, Passaic, NJ

Egon Lempin, and Frank Pototzki (1975), Post 1786, Astoria, NY

Kenneth A. Diesering (1975), and Charles A. Ross (1974), Post 286, Newark, NY

Harry A. Wilson, Clarence Anderson, Jeff-ferie Tate, Richard Woodward, Jame Isable (all 1973), Post 430, Buffalo, NY

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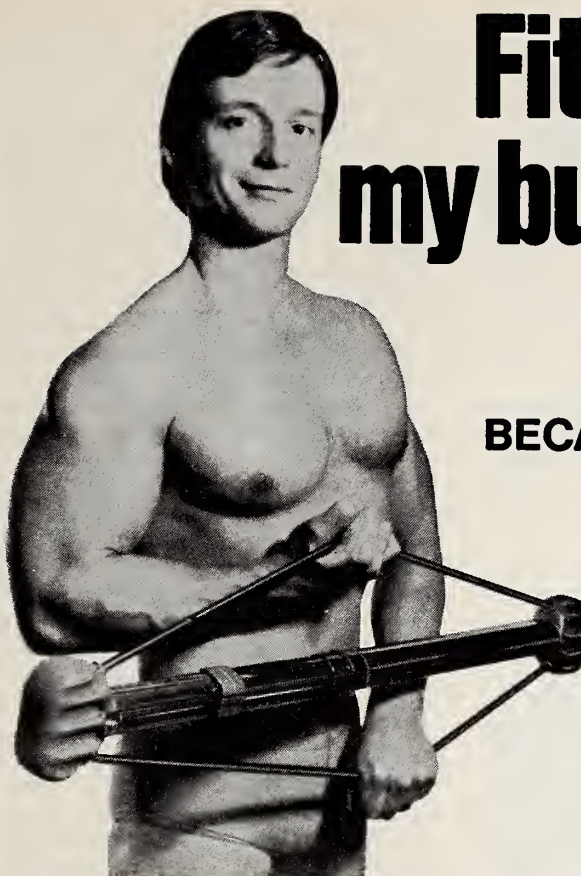
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Jackson's action sent people hurrying to banks to withdraw their deposits. In New York, troops had to maintain order. Many banks were ruined. Money became scarce. Business suffered.

The events suggest the dollar was not doing its job. It had been fixing values, and it had been an instrument of savings, but it had not been an honest medium of exchange because there were not enough dollars in circulation. There were not enough dollars simply because Uncle Sam did not have enough gold and silver to mint enough dollars. To satisfy the shortage, the banks had been issuing bank notes; and, of course, a bank note is only as good as the bank that issues it.

That particular problem was solved Jan. 24, 1848, by James W. Marshall. Mr. Marshall was building a sawmill in partnership with Capt. John A. Sutter on the American River, a branch of the Sacramento, near Coloma, Calif., and he discovered gold!

Uncle Sam, who had only been able to mint \$8 million worth of gold in 1843, was able to mint \$62 million in 1851! The \$20 "double-eagles" became the symbol of American prosperity and the \$5 "half-eagles" were used as ante in the barroom poker games in booming mining towns.

An excess of money in circulation causes prices to rise, and these are symptoms of inflation. Did the gold rush cause inflation? Well, it certainly did cause prices to rise in the gold-rush towns. But like the gold that went to Europe from Mexico and Peru two centuries earlier—it didn't hurt too many people. The California discovery, however, had a side effect. As the gold rushed East, the people rushed West.

The gold-rush prosperity was short-lived. The Civil War brought ruin. The public debt jumped from \$65 million in 1860, to \$2.6 billion in 1865, an increase of 4,120 per cent.

The Confederacy fared even worse. It was forced to do almost the same thing that the Second Continental Congress did; it issued money backed mostly by the good faith of its people. But, whereas the North made nearly all of its own war supplies, the South had to buy foreign guns, foreign drugs and surgical equipment, and to a great extent, foreign

ammunition. They could not do this with Confederate money backed only by good faith.

Meanwhile, Northern bankers, investors and industrialists made huge profits during the war at the expense of the national economic system. The Banking Acts of 1863 and 1864 swept away the independent banking system instituted by Jackson. State bank notes were taxed out of existence. During the war, the government issued several hundred million dollars in paper money, secured only by the credit of the government. This rapidly depreciated in value. When Congress decided to halt further issues of these "greenbacks," call in part of them, and bring the value of the rest up to par, the result was highly advantageous to the creditor and investor interests but fraught with hardship to farm and labor classes.

During the darkest period of the war, greenbacks had sold for as little as 40 cents on the dollar, but they were still legal tender for the purchase of government bonds. When Congress pledged itself to pay principal and interest on these bonds in gold, those canny enough to have invested realized a tidy profit. President Andrew Johnson estimated it at 300 to 400 per cent.

The fiscal policy spread bitterness. Soldiers were paid in greenbacks worth 50 to 60 cents, but bondholders would be paid in dollars worth 100 cents. Farmers who borrowed greenback dollars worth 50 or 60 cents were called upon to pay back dollars worth 100 cents. And the nation was called upon to pay back a national debt almost double its original cost.

As the greenbacks were called in, authentic money became so scarce that in many places postage stamps were used as coins.

The 35 years that followed the Civil War saw crisis after crisis. The industrial revolution had been brought into full swing by the Civil War, and the opening of the West kept the railroads, mining, lumber, meat-packing, iron and steel, oil and similar industries thriving. But over-expansion led to overproduction. And the tendency to overproduce, ironically enough, became the principal "flaw" in the emerging personality of the American industrial economy.

Protective tariffs, established during the war as an emergency measure, were continued.

Corporate stock certificates became the currency of entrepreneurs, like Andrew Carnegie.

In 1873, trust interests felt that the production of silver in the West was beginning to threaten the value of money. Congress agreed, and refused to purchase or coin any more of it. Jay Cooke's Northern Pacific railroad failed. European investors were frightened off and the bank panic of 1873 resulted.

A panic in 1893 was worse. Business houses crashed, banks closed their doors, railroads went into the hands of receivers, factories shut down, trade languished, creditors foreclosed mortgages. Long lines of unemployed waited outside city soup kitchens and an army of tramps roamed the countryside.

The campaign of 1896, between William Jennings Bryan, the "Cross of Gold" orator and his "silverites" on one hand, and William McKinley, backed by business, the press and the universities, was more bitterly fought than any since Jackson's time. McKinley won by more than half a million votes and on March 1, 1900, the gold standard became official.

The Spanish-American War had made a naval power out of the United States just two years previously, in 1898. When the gold standard became official, the U.S. dollar began making straight "A's" at home and abroad. U.S. exports in 1900 reached \$1.4 billion. Uncle Sam had become a world power—commercially as well as militarily!

The 30 years or so that followed the Spanish-American War were to all appearances the most prosperous that the country had ever seen, despite World War I. The panics of 1904, 1907 and 1921 were short-lived and rapidly forgotten. Herbert Hoover assumed office under auspices more favorable than those which had greeted any other President. Stocks soared to dizzy heights, and every month hundreds of millions of dollars in new securities were snapped up by avid investors.

"We in America are nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land," Hoover boasted.

Everyone knows what happened on October 29, 1929.

The Great Depression, in essence, was an international breakdown in the distribution of wealth—not in the production of wealth. In America, productive capacity had outstripped the capacity to consume. Even World War II, post-war affluence and global aid programs have not solved the problem.

Perhaps the important thing to remember is that somehow the dollar has survived. It may not be what it used to be, but what is? END

Korea Revisited

21st Infantry Regiment and the 52nd Field Artillery were told to find good, high ground; occupy it, engage the enemy and hold the position as long as possible. A large North Korean force was driving south of Seoul and Americans and South Koreans needed time to form ranks farther south. Commander of the small force was Lt. Col. Charles B. Smith. His small army was officially known as "Task Force Smith." The lightly-armed Americans took on 33 Soviet made T-34 tanks and at least a full regiment of North Korean infantry. They had only a few rounds of armor piercing shells that would get through the skin of a T-34, and the 52nd used them sparingly. One shell took out a tank. Up through the turret came a North Korean firing his gun as he climbed. One of his shots killed an American and that American became our first war dead. There are no records on which of Smith's men was the first to go. The battle lasted six hours before the Americans had to retreat from their shallow foxholes and take up new positions at Taejon. In all, 172 Americans were killed or wounded to 127 North Koreans.

The monument to the battle rests where Colonel Smith had his command post. An archway and flight of stone steps lead up the hill through a canopy of trees from the rice paddy country. The obelisk is quite large and it is inlaid with an account in bronze lettering of that first battle. Contingents of returning American veterans sometimes take wreaths to place at the foot of the monument.

Down south, near Taegu, on the edge of what came to be known as "The Pusan Pocket," is one of the prettiest valleys in Korea. Hills line the valley running north and south, and over them is a heavy covering of grass, trees and flowering underbrush. In the valley is some of Korea's finest rice growing land. No place could be more peaceful than the valley. One would never suspect that this was once "The Bowling Alley."

In August 1950, North Korean forces under Gen. Kim Mu Chong attacked Lt. Col. John H. Michaelis' 27th Regiment Combat Team—Reinforced—The Wolfhounds—as it guarded the approaches to Pusan. The battle lasted for days in The Bowling Alley as the North Koreans charged down the valley, only to be forced back, and as artillery shells caromed off the granite hills like bowling balls. General Kim never

broke through the Michaelis line and the Pusan Pocket held, so that American supplies could pour into Korea and a United Nations drive could be launched. The holding action in The Bowling Alley gave General MacArthur time to plan and launch the Inchon Landing.

A handsome monument has been erected in The Bowling Alley and it is visited by many American troops stationed nearby, and by war veterans going back to one of the most famous battlefields in American military history.

THE KOREAN WAR produced colorful names for its battlefields—The Punchbowl, Heartbreak Ridge, Luke's Castle, Finger Ridge, Sniper Ridge, The Iron Triangle, Papa-San, Old Baldy, Iron Horse Mountain, White Horse Mountain, Arrowhead Ridge, Pork Chop Hill, Little Nori, Big Nori, T-Bone Hill, Tessie, The Hook, Bunker Hill, Siberia Hill, Little Gibraltar and Jane Russell.

Many of these are in North Korea and the Western world has no idea whatever how they appear today. Some are just south of the Demilitarized Zone—the DMZ—and special permits are required from the South Korean or U.S. Army before one can visit these sites. American troops closest to the DMZ and the old battle sites—and as some claim, closest to an active, belligerent enemy of America—are members of the 2nd Infantry Division. The division, which is, and has been since World War I, one of America's finest forces, is based on Tong Du Chon, 30 miles north of Seoul and only 14 miles south of the DMZ. The division maneuvers only five miles outside one of the most famous of all battle-grounds, The Iron Triangle. The 2nd is a ready division, at full strength, perfectly fit and equipped with the best war-making equipment there is. It still numbers many veterans of the Korean War who fought at the battle sites to the north. They are professional soldiers, no longer young, but wise, experienced and in the sort of physical condition that every man envies. Wives and children of division soldiers remain in the United States during the 13-month tours of duty so that there will be few diversions.

Four of the 2nd Division soldiers who are veterans of the Korean War spent an afternoon describing the "then and now" of Korean service. They are Chief Warrant Officer James Bard of Orange County, Calif., Sgt. Maj. Lloyd E. Scobee, Tampa, Fla.; Sgt. 1st Class Melvin N. Johnson, Norman, Okla., and Specialist

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Korea Revisited

First Class John W. McKay of Austin, Tex.

James Bard was born in China to missionary parents. He served as an interpreter and interrogator of Chinese prisoners during the war, in military intelligence and at the Panmunjom peace talks. He knows China and Korea like some men know their front lawns and today he is the Order of Battle Technician, in G-2, of Division Headquarters.

"When you bet your life on something, as we did in Korea 25 years ago," he said, "you want it to be good. Helping Korea has been good."

John McKay was in Pohang in the 1st Marine Air Wing 25 years ago, but now he's an Army man attached to a helicopter unit. He also served in Vietnam with the Republic of Korea (ROK) Division, which served so well there as a fighting unit. What does he think happened to the South Korean soldier between 1950, the Vietnam war, and now?

"Twenty-five years ago we had to watch the South Koreans as closely as we watched the North Koreans," he said. "They weren't very dependable in a hot fight. But they are now. They are good, really good soldiers. . . . I like Koreans. I like to serve with them. And I think the United States had a lot to do with making them good."

Lloyd Scobee was a sergeant in the 1st Cavalry Division's 8th Regiment as a section leader in a weapons platoon. That's tough service and he fought with the division into North Korea and all the way to the Chinese border. He was injured and evacuated to Japan. He is now operations sergeant major of the Division's 1st Brigade. He considers Korea today a pleasant country, well worth the American effort.

Melvin Johnson was a machine-gunner in Co. D, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division, during the Korean War. He fought on Old Baldy, Pork Chop Hill and on the twin humps named after the busty movie star of the day, Jane Russell. He is now a signals platoon sergeant in headquarters company.

One of the most ominous sights any American can see today anywhere in the world lies in the southwest corner of The Iron Triangle, near the South Korean town of Chorwon. It is a mile-long tunnel far beneath the DMZ through which 25,000 fully equipped soldiers can run, three abreast. The soldiers would not even need to duck their heads for

the tunnel is so large. No one knows how long the tunnel is because the original opening lies somewhere in North Korea. It was the North Koreans, still intent on invading South Korea, who dug this tunnel, as well as about ten others like it. Three of the tunnels, including the one near Chorwon, have been intercepted by South Korean diggers and plugged up. It is known that the South Koreans have pinpointed other tunnels with seismographic equipment and are watching them closely.

The tunnel lies in the Chorwon Valley, a classic invasion route between high mountains for South Korean armies striking north, or North Korean armies striking south. This invasion route has been used many times by Koreans in the past 4,000 or 5,000 years. For much of a war, the rice paddies are flooded and tanks will bog down in them. But during the dry season the valley is fine tank and infantry country.

It was in this area that one of the longest battles of the Korean War was fought in June 1952. The 45th Division captured large areas from the Chinese who were backing up the decimated North Korean Army. The Chinese counterattacked, fell back and attacked again. This went on a dozen times, but the 45th held on. Chinese losses were frightful, but with a population of about 600 million, 1952 China showed little concern about losing 4,000 or 5,000 men in a month's time. After driving back the Chinese on one occasion, the 45th moved forward itself and began establishing forward patrol bases that could screen activities on a front stretching a fourth of the way across the Korean peninsula. The aim was to set up 11 forward patrol bases. The Chinese reacted immediately to what was going on and they joined the contest.

Sergeant Johnson, now of the 2nd Division, was in several actions on the 45th's front. He had his water-cooled 30-caliber machine gun in the battles and skirmishes which cost America 1,004 men killed or wounded. But at least 5,000 Chinese were killed. The patrol posts were set up, defended and they deterred North Koreans and Chinese from striking again through The Iron Triangle.

Now, after all these years, Sergeant Johnson is back again, right up against the North Korean border.

"Has it all been worthwhile?" he was asked. "Yes," was his only answer.

"What if the North Koreans start coming again?"

His answer: "We'll stop them. They'll wish they hadn't." **END**

How To Cut 5 to 15 Strokes Off Your Score — Guaranteed!

By Phil Cooper

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If you play golf I would like to send you something that comes in a plain brown wrapper.

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But there is.

And, I'm sure that if you try it privately for just one round of golf — no one will ever be able to talk you out of it then.

Before I go on, I'd like to tell you that I am not a golf pro or anything like that.

I'm a businessman.

A short time ago, I was a businessman who could never break 100 for eighteen holes. Not anymore.

I still don't shoot in the seventies, but finally, after years of being little better than a duffer, I consistently shoot in the eighties.

It's wonderful.

For years I struggled to bring down my score. I tried everything — practice, practice, practice — read miracle golf books — bought special golf gloves — took lessons — went to the driving range — everything. Then, by accident, I stumbled onto the real secret of cutting strokes off my game. The very first round I played after I discovered this secret, I broke 100 for the very first time.

The secret is simple — but I'm not about to give it away for nothing. What I've been able to do is "smarten up" my game — and by doing this I took almost 30 strokes off my score all told. (I haven't been able to break 70 yet, but I will!)

I know it sounds impossible — but I've actually learned to "smarten up" my game — after everything else I tried (and cost me a fortune) had failed miserably.

Before — it seemed that I was hooking or slicing on every drive — continually in the traps or rough — and 3-putting every hole. After I made my amazingly simple discovery — my drives went down the middle of the fairway — my irons put me on the green — and my putting improved tremendously.

It was so simple, in fact, that I haven't yet figured out why no one ever thought of it before. But, since I've read every book on golf I could find — and tried all the "gimmicks" — I can assure you that I've never seen this secret printed anywhere before.

When my friends saw how much my game had improved they asked me to give them my secret. I typed out the complete details on my secret — the step-by-step, easy-to-follow method that had cut all those strokes off my game. For lack of a better name I called it "The Phil Cooper Golf Improvement Plan."

I gave it to three friends who make up my regular foursome. It worked for them, too. Their game improved as much as mine.

Now, you and I both know that there's a lot of money to be made for the person who comes up with a method for cutting strokes — a method that



really works. I am certain that I have done just that!

But, was our new golfing success a fluke? Perhaps there was something special about our foursome that made this "miracle" possible. I don't believe that for a moment!

However, I MUST PROVE IT NOW!

For, once I prove that my golf secret works — really works — I will offer it to all golfers for \$25 — and it will be worth every penny of it. (How many times have you said to yourself that you'd pay a fortune to take 15 strokes off your score?)

So, to prove that my secret works for all golfers — I'll teach it to you — and to a limited number of other golfers — for little more than the price of having it printed up.

Remember, I'm willing to do this for my own selfish reason. Once YOU have succeeded — once YOU have taken off those strokes — I'll probably make a mint when I offer the PROVEN plan through newspapers and magazines.

But, you must make me a promise. You must report your stroke losses to me promptly — first when you take 5 strokes off your score — then when you break 100 — when you break 90. This will be the proof I need.

I feel certain that it makes no difference whether you are a man or a woman (it works for both) — whether you are young or old — whether you've taken lessons or not — THIS METHOD WILL WORK or it won't cost you a single penny!

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Johnny Bench's Cancer Scare

By JOHNNY BENCH



Johnny Bench

CANCER has come very close to me twice in recent years. That's why I am serving as chairman of the American Cancer Society's "Athletes Against Cancer" program.

In 1972, I came face to face with the threat of cancer. I went for a physical checkup. I felt perfectly fine; it was just routine. A healthy body is number one to anyone in sports. I learned that years ago playing American Legion Baseball in Anadarko, Ok. That first year, I was 15; I didn't get into even one game. That didn't discourage me. I loved baseball too much, and the next year they tried me at first base; I wasn't bad. When I was 17 and 18 I played pitcher and catcher, and we were a great team.

During that 1972 examination, a spot was found on my left lung; it could have been cancer. It was a shattering thought. I had no symptoms whatsoever. I didn't even smoke. I was 24, seemingly in top physical shape, yet threatened with lung cancer. My team, the Cincinnati Reds, had just won the National League pennant, and we were on our way to the World Series. How could I be sick?

The doctors were frank. They didn't know what it was and they could only find out by operating. The surgery was done; the tissue was biopsied, and it turned out NOT to be cancer. I felt snatched back from the edge, given another chance at life. . . .

I was very lucky that the lesion was not cancer; I was also very lucky that, because I had a routine physical, the spot was found and taken care of. Who knows what kind of problems it could have caused if it had not been found?

As chairman of "Athletes Against Cancer," I have learned that early detection is a most powerful weapon against cancer; 111,000 people who died last year could be alive today—if their cancers had been found and treated in time.

There are many possible reasons: indifference, ignorance, fear, misinformation. I think it's a tragedy, and I'd like to help reverse those figures.

There are two steps each person reading The American Legion Magazine can take, so as not to become one of those statistics:

First, have a complete physical checkup once a year, even when you are feeling fine. Cancer often starts slowly, without pain or symptom.

Second, know the warning signals,

the seven danger signs of cancer:

*Change in bowel or bladder habits;
A sore that does not heal;
Unusual bleeding, discharge;
Thickening in the breast;
Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing;
Obvious change in wart, mole;
Nagging cough or hoarseness.*

Keeping away from cigarettes is also a valuable way to protect your health. About 80 per cent of lung cancer is attributable to cigarettes.

There are about 30 million ex-smokers in our country today; even so, 84,000 people will die of lung cancer in 1976—that's 230 people every day! A growing number of these are women. The lung cancer death rate for women has skyrocketed 173 per cent in the past 25 years; it's climbing steadily for men, too—135 per cent in the same period.

I understand that the Legion's Girls' State and Boys' State meetings this spring plan to include smoking education sessions. This could be a golden opportunity to help stem the tide of teen-age smoking.

Friends who have joined me as "Athletes Against Cancer" include

Gene Littler and Jack Pardee (both of whom had cancer themselves), Larry Brown, Tom Landry, Bart Starr, Don Shula, Bob Griese, O. J. Simpson and Tom Ralston.

Soon after my own cancer scare, I confronted the disease a second time. I met a five-year-old fan, Philip Buckingham, who was battling leukemia. He was wild about baseball. We became good friends. We visited, and stayed in touch by phone when I was on the road. Philip fought with everything he had; I have never seen such courage. But he lost, so the one meaningful memorial I could give my friend Philip was to get into this cancer fight myself.

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force attack could cause 50 million U.S. casualties. This would be counter-productive to the Soviet purpose because it would obviously force a massive response against Russian cities by the surviving U.S. strategic forces.

There will be no definitive answer unless we fail to deter the Soviets.

The question is not whether we influence the Soviets in developing capabilities; the question is: Do we have the ability to deter them from using their capabilities?

In all discussions of strategic warfare, some argue that if the United States develops additional capabilities we "add more fuel to the arms race." As Albert Wohlstetter pointed out in his monumental analysis of the development of missile forces by the United States and the USSR, there has been no arms race. For many years the amount of money which the United States has been spending on strategic forces has been declining. We have not added any number of new weapons to our arsenal for some years. The fact that the Soviets continue to build and deploy new weapons does not mean that they are racing with us or that we are racing with them. There is no assurance that if we do not make qualitative improvements to our force, the Soviets will refrain from improving their force. Hard evidence indicates that they are engaged in a massive improvement program.

We have meager evidence about Soviet nuclear doctrine and strategy, yet they have unlimited access to our innermost thoughts. So rather than try to define Soviet intent from obscure writings, we should develop capabilities to counter those they are developing.

Since the middle 60's, one of our driving goals has been to reduce the size of strategic forces on both sides. In the sense that SALT I and Vladivostok place quantitative limits on forces, we have made a step in that direction. But we must match Soviet improvements if we are to demonstrate that improvements on their side do not enhance their strategic position. Once they have grasped that fact, there may be hope for reductions in strategic forces.

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By Mike Senkiw
Agronomist

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A remarkable ability of the beaver is its dam building. In some cases its dams have caused flooding, but in many others they have served to prevent flash floods, to conserve water during spring runoffs, and to store water for irrigation. The beaver has an amazing engineering instinct. In one instance a company of government engineers were required to install a dam across a stream for flood control. After studying their charts and deciding on the best location, they visited their chosen spot and found a family of beavers had already built a dam at the exact location.

The beaver is one of the world's largest rodents. In a few hours, with its huge chisel-like incisor teeth it can drop a tree a foot thick and cut it into six-foot lengths. Contrary to a popular myth, a beaver does not use its tail as a trowel to apply mud to its dam; the tail is used as a swimming rudder, as a back support when it sits up to gnaw a tree, and to slap the water loudly to warn its companions when danger threatens. One apparent tall tale is a fact, however; the front surfaces of a beaver's incisor teeth are colored orange—a biological mystery.

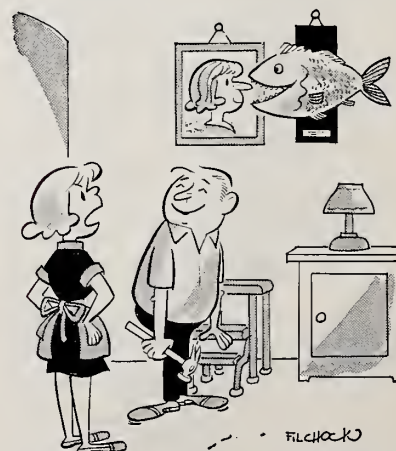
A SIMPLE way to light your charcoal, we're told by Edward Sievers, Sr., of Coshocton, Ohio, is to take a candle three inches or longer, pile the briquets around it in pyramid form, then light the candle. In no time at all, he says, the briquets will have turned into nice hot coals.

DRIVE lunker bass crazy with a rig devised by Robin Ehrig of Tamaqua, Pa. He swears it will. Remove the rear treble hook of one plug and substitute a split ring. Fasten this ring to the eyelet of a second plug. Drawn through the water, it looks like one fish chasing another and bass can't resist it.

FOR a still-fishing bobber, J.A. Corribeau of Laval P.Q., Canada, uses an empty plastic lemon-juice container, the kind shaped like a lemon. It floats well, is easy to see, and doesn't scare the fish. The line can be fastened around the cap.

A METHOD of wiping and drying your hands after baiting hooks and handling fish is suggested by 56-year Legion member Thomas Deckelman of Gainesville, Fla. He put a metal grommet in a corner of a hand towel, inserted a shower-curtain hanger through the eyelet and closed it around his belt. It's always handy when he wants it.

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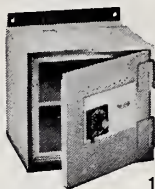


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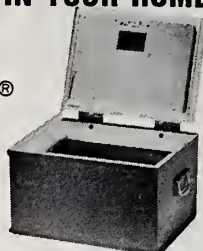


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His home, Gunston Hall, a few minutes south of Washington, D.C., near Lorton, Va., once commanded a 5,000-acre plantation. It remained in his family until after the Civil War. It did not become a landmark of the Revolutionary War period until the 1920's, when the house and 556 acres were deeded to the Commonwealth of Virginia by its



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owner, Louis Hertle. It is administered by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, of which Mrs. Hertle was a member.

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- **All states have financial responsibility laws,** meaning that you must be able to furnish security in the event of a mishap. Your insurance policy does this for you, so be sure it's adequate out-of-state (for Canada and Mexico, study up on their special requirements).

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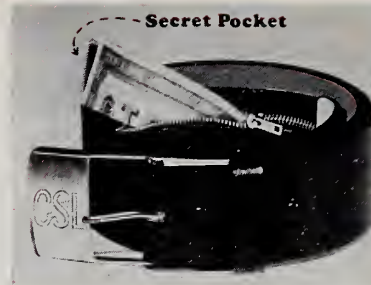
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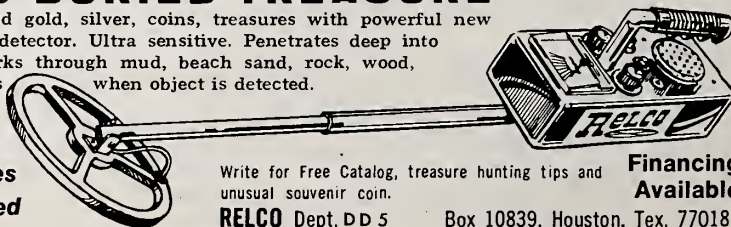
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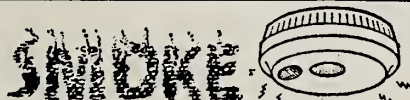
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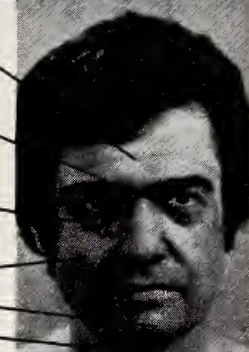
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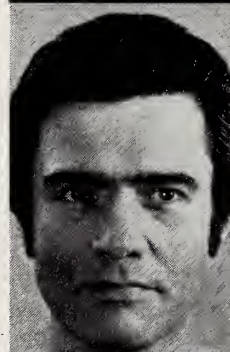
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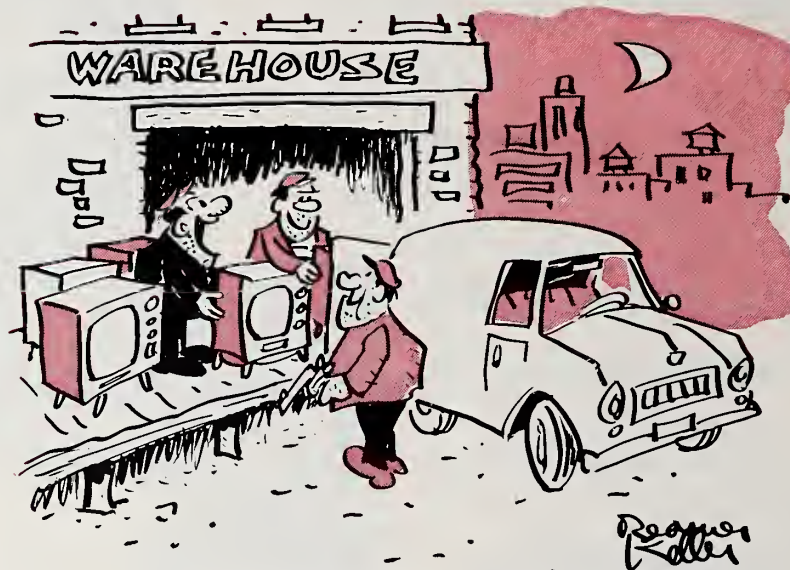
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Husband: "Very nice. I bought two pencils from him."

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A HARD DECISION

When attempts to budget bring only defeat,
It's time to choose between heat and meat.

MARY T. JOHNSON

FISH STORY?

A baby sardine was swimming,
With his mother near,
When he saw his first submarine
And sought her in shock and fear.
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What is that thing so queer?"
"Don't panic," said the mother calmly,
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PATRICIA WOODS

TIME MARCHES

The feeling of age upon me,
I find is growing intense,
What my kids study as history,
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BAD NEWS

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